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Democratic Convention Remarks:

Achtenberg Urges Convention To Promote Justice For All

The Following remarks from Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg were made to the Democratic National Convention.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I come before you to respectfully request your most serious consideration of this platform, which I am proud to have co-authored. This platform is a plan for rebuilding our economy and rededicating ourselves to social justice.

We speak specifically about the path that must be followed if we are to achieve broad-based economic growth and the opportunity that flows therefrom. There can be no real progress on the economic front without a national strategy.

Until we increase our nation's research and development capabilities, manage the conversion from a defense-based economy, and reinvest the savings from defense in retooling our plants and retraining our workers, we will not succeed.

But this prescription for economic health and vitality must include an additional and critical component so inextricably bound to the other that it must be achieved lest the other fails. That component is justice.

We must seek justice. We must guarantee to all our people civil and equal rights, and some semblance of a fair allocation of our most precious resources. We can stand for nothing more noble, nor can we struggle for anything less.

This platform promises justice for our country's left-outs and have-nots. We pledge to change our medical research priorities to combat the epidemic of breast cancer in women. That is an issue of justice; our inaction is proof that we have not valued women's lives.

The platform declares war on AIDS and HIV disease, and pledges the funds required for care, education, and a cure. This is an issue of justice — our inaction as a nation is proof that we have not valued the lives of gay men.

Justice demands and this platform guarantees voting rights for all. Access to the ballot box must not be blocked because of race, ethnicity or language. As a nation, we must stand for the proposition that all people are of equal value.

The platform calls for the protection of the civil rights of lesbians and gay men. It is a matter of justice that all people should be allowed to work free from discrimination and that lesbians and gay men who choose to serve their country in the military are entitled to do so. As a nation we must stand for the proposition that all people are of equal value.

For twelve years we have lived under leaders who have promised us the horn of plenty, but delivered disappointment and discrimination. As a woman, I have been forced to fight for the right to control my own body. As a mother, I have struggled for my family's economic survival and for my child's future. As a lesbian and a Jew, I have had to love with fear for my physical safety and that of my peoples.

... era of distrust and dashed dreams yearn for the day when America will be a just society...

If that weren't enough, these same leaders are scapegoating people like me — and families like mine — by charging that we are destroying America. What is destroying America is lack of opportunity, the abandonment of justice, and the harangues of false prophets.

All of us who have lived through this era of distrust and dashed dreams yearn for the day when America will be a just society, with real opportunity for all. Through the adoption of his platform, the election of President Bill Clinton, and the ceaseless work of all of our people, we can bring that day closer.

I can hardly wait. Thank you.▼

Photo by Eileen Hyland

S.F. Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg

World's Largest Gay Resort For Sale

Fife's Resort, the largest gay resort in the world, located in the scenic Russian River Valley of Northern California, is for sale by the estate of the late owner, Peter Pender.

The resort, founded by Pender in 1979, was the area's first major gay resort and has welcomed thousands of gays and lesbians to the "Fire Island of the West."

The asking price is 1.6 million and flexible terms, including owner financing, are available. Situated on 15 beautifully manicured acres along the Russian River, Fife's boasts 52 cabins, 60 camp sites, a full service gourmet restaurant and two bars.

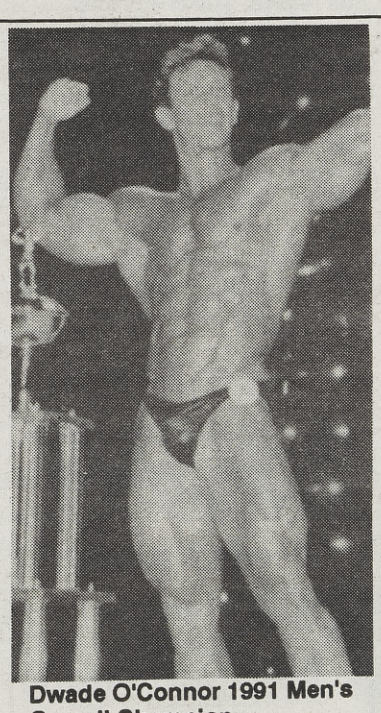
The recently formed Gay and Lesbian Business Association of the Russian River is assisting in the sale of the resort, hoping to preserve this icon of gay history. The Association represents nearly 100 area business men and women keenly interested in seeing the area continue to grow and flourish.

The Russian River area boasts over three dozen gay and lesbian owned eating, lodging, retail and entertainment establishments. It annually hosts large events including the Russian River Rodeo, Women's Weekend, the Mr. Russian River contest, the River's Cup and Regatta and the highly acclaimed Russian River Jazz Festival.▼

Youths Wanted for Picnicking

On Saturday, August 29th, The Lambda Community Center, River City Democratic Club and Delta Lambda Phi of Davis will be holding the second annual picnic for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth in McKinley Park. The picnic will be on the east side of the park near the tennis courts, and will run from 3-9pm. Soda, chips and hamburgers will be provided at no charge.

Last year's picnic has been hailed as one of the best events ever for local youth. The committee was expecting several dozen youth and was pleasantly surprised with a turnout that was several fold the expected number.▼



Dwade O'Connor 1991 Men's Overall Champion

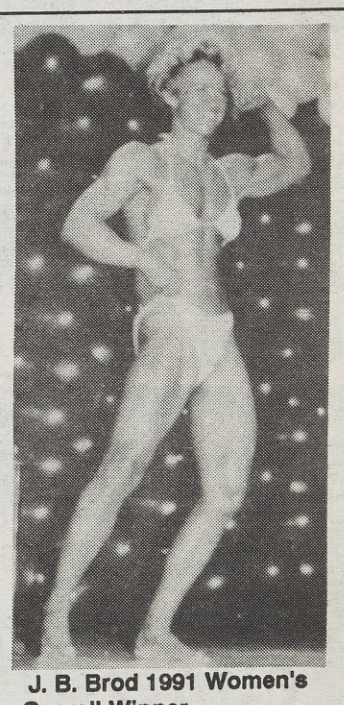
Gay/Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships Set for August 29

The National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Chapionship will be held on August 29th in Dallas Texas.

Sanctioned by the AAU, the Night of Pride will provide competition for athletes in Women's Open, Men's Open, Men Over 40 and Couples Division.

Proceeds will benefit local AIDS organizations. Last year's beneficiaries received over $4,500.

Athletes are expected from all over the USA and Canada and should be one of the most competitive bodybuilding events this year.



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CCC Not Government Owned?!

Dear Editor:

Before you say another word against Capitol Christian Center, you must appreciate the fact that they support themselves without government money! (It's called separation of Church and State.) The Lambda Center uses government money, and I think the public has the right to know how Lambda center uses their money. Are they really using it for education, or for entertainment such as parades, fairs and parties. In these tough times, unpaid state workers have the right to know!

This may come to a shock to you, but our government spent millions last year for homosexual entertainment! For instance Congress gave $25 thousand to make *Paris Is Burning* and $637 million to (the) film company that made it! $12 thousand for the '91 S.F. International Lesbian and Gay Festival (how much was spent on this year's parade?) Sorry to tell you this, but spending tax money on gay entertainment will not find a cure for AIDS!

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Thank You From the Men's Chorus

Dear Editor:

On Behalf of the Sacramento Men's Chorus, I would like to thank all our supporters for making our GALA IV Raffle a success. SMC raised over $1,500 to help us attend the GALA IV Chorus Festival in Denver this past June 26th - July 4th. With your generous support we were able to represent Sacramento at this international event.

Our raffle could not have been possible without the generous prize donations from Bob Austin, Tower Records, Strutz Jewelers, The Gifted Gardener, Mixed Bag, Barbetta's, Rob Hunter and Kent Nelson, Pescados Restaurant, Blue Fish Cove Inn, How Tacky, Moment of Touch and SMC's Entourage. SMC would also like to acknowledge the generous donation of time and materials from Grady's Print Shop, The Wreck Room and Art Farmer Graphic Design.

Again, the Sacramento Men's Chorus thanks you for your continued support and is looking forward to a successful 1992-92 season.

Sincerely,
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Garamendi Visits CAP PAC

Patti Garamendi, candidate in the 11th Congressional race came to the last CAP PAC Board Meeting to ask for support in her race. Judy Hansen and Gary Myerscough listen to her comments regarding the Gay/Lesbian community.

INVOLVED! Gets High Score With Election

In their first attempt at recommending or endorsing candidates and issues, INVOLVED! (Independent Volunteers and Voters of El Dorado) saw 70% of their endorsed or recommended candidates and issues accepted by voters on election day, June 2.

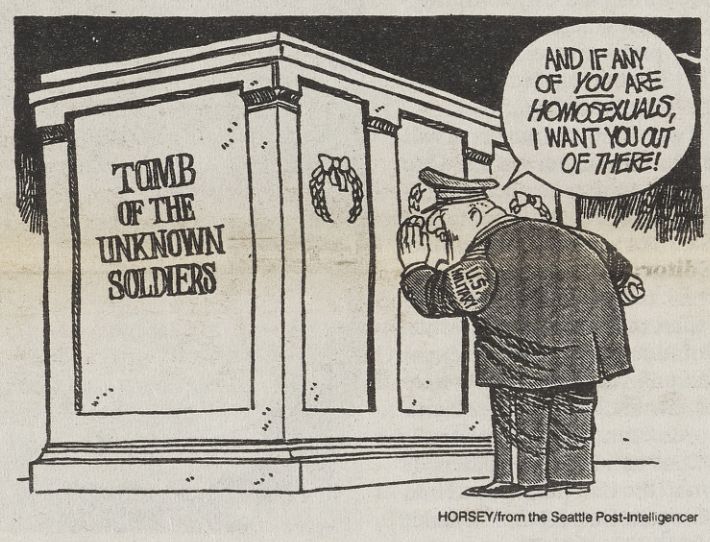
"We are elated at the success this young organization has attained in such a short time," notes Kevin Wadsworth, treasurer of INVOLVED! The INVOLVED candidate survey received from many of the candidates quickly indicated who of the candidates were serious contenders.

"We will, in the next couple of months, prepare for the November election by contacting those candidates on the ballot who have not yet completed our local candidate survey," notes Wadsworth, "as our rules require a completed survey before we may consider a candidate for endorsement. We hope to raise some funds between now and then to publicize our endorsed candidates.▼

Military's baffling sexuality standards

Bob Moos is an editorial writer and columnist for the Dallas Morning News.

By Bob Moos



HORSEY/from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer

THE PHOTO in Time magazine was striking. Seated next to the uniforms she proudly wore during 26 years in the armed forces, Margarethe Cammermeyer looked utterly dejected. Now dressed in her civvies, the 50-year-old Army nurse told the story of how she devoted half of her life to the military and how, in an instant, that long career ended.

It had been a distinguished career. For her duty in Vietnam, she was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1985, she was chosen from among 34,000 candidates as the Veterans Administration's nurse of the year. While rising to the rank of chief nurse in the Washington Army National Guard, she earned a doctoral degree in nursing at the University of Washington.

But three years ago, while applying for admission to the Army War College, the decorated nurse was asked during a routine background check whether she was a lesbian. Although her sexual orientation never had come into play in any of her jobs, she replied, "Yes." With that admission, her impeccable record might as well have turned to dust. She was booted out.

Department of Defense Regulation 1332.14 states, "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service." The Pentagon allows for no exceptions. In fact, the military routinely discharges servicemen and women who have only said they are gay; conduct doesn't even have to enter into the decision on whether they are to be discharged.

Col. Cammermeyer's sad story is no isolated case. Every year, more than 1,500 men and women, many with exemplary service records, are kicked out of the military for the same reason. And estimates are that tens of thousands more, not wanting to sacrifice their careers, are forced to play a game of deception with their superiors.

If there is a positive side to Cammermeyer's discharge, it is that it has renewed debate over the issue of gays in the military and even prompted opinions from the presidential candidates. Bill Clinton opposes the current policy. Ross Perot, while first endorsing the ban, is reconsidering his stand. President Bush supports the prohibition.

The justifications offered by defenders of the status quo have seemed confusing if not downright lame. The familiar argument that gays present a security risk is the least convincing. Even Defense Secretary Dick Cheney concedes the fear that gays could be blackmailed is "a bit of an old chestnut."

Gay civilians work at the Pentagon, where they have access to classified material. If the government doesn't see a security risk with them, why should it worry about gays in uniform? And if gays were targets for blackmail, couldn't that threat be eliminated by allowing them "out of the closet"?

Another common argument – that gays would undermine public acceptance of the military – also raises questions. Apparently, the fear is that some young men and women would be discouraged from volunteering if they knew they would be serving alongside gays and lesbians. Wasn't that the same line taken against racial integration of the services before Harry Truman finally ordered it in 1948?

Actually, public tolerance for gays in the armed forces is higher than support for racial integration was 44 years ago. According to a recent Gallup Poll, 60 percent of Americans believe that homosexuals should be allowed in the military.

The final defense for barring gays is that it is needed to preserve discipline and morale in close quarters. Put more simply, soldiers and sailors don't want to be regarded with sexual interest when they are naked in common showers or asleep in common barracks. Of course, the truth is that there already are many gays in the armed services.

Acknowledging their presence probably would make some people squeamish. But no one is proposing to change the rules about harassment or fraternization, which forbid sexual advances on duty. And if privacy is an issue, why couldn't those concerns be addressed on their own terms?

What's most baffling of all, however, is how the military can discount sexual assaults against women while going after gays without cause. Apparently, the policy is to look the other way with regard to heterosexual misbehavior, as the brass did in the Tailhook incident, while discriminating against gays absent any evidence of wrongdoing.

If the military is as concerned about morale as it says, maybe it shouldn't discharge people as qualified as Col. Cammermeyer.

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Vacancy Announcements

County Of Sacramento

The following committees and commissions have vacancies as listed below. Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Applications are available at all public libraries and at the Board of Supervisors office at 700 H St, Suite 2450, 95814.

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Arden/Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		4 residents of area
Area 4 Agency on Aging	Open Filing		1 general member
Assessments Appeals Board	7/27/92	8/7/92	2 members 2 alternates
Building Standards Board	Open Filing		1 general member
Children's Commission	Open Filing		1 consumer youth
Commission on Aging	Open Filing		5 residents (55+)
Cordova Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		2 residents of area
Cosumnes Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		3 residents of area
County Service Area #4B (Wilton-Cosumnes)	Open Filing		1 resident of area
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council	Open Filing		2 seats
Elk Grove Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		3 residents of area
Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetary District	7/27/92	8/7/92	1 resident of area
Franklin/Laguna Area Comm. Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		2 residents of area
Galt-Arno Cemetery District	Open Filing		2 residents of area
Law Library	Open Filing		1 attorney
Master Plan Advisory Body for Alcohol/Drug Problems	Keith Johnson, LIFE Lobby (444-0424)		
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		2 members
Mental Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		3 seats
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Mission Oaks Rec. & Park Dist.	Open Filing		1 resident of area
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		1 resident of area
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Physically Handicapped Appeals Board	Open Filing		1 phy. hand. mbr.
Sacramento Commission of History & Science	Open Filing		1 seat (Nom by Super. 1st Dist.)
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		6 residents of area
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Oakland OKs Domestic Partner Benefits Despite State Regulations

by Keith Clark
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OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland City Council has unanimously passed a resolution that would make health care benefits available to the live in partners of city workers.

Although several California cities - including San Francisco, West Hollywood and Berkeley - already provide partners health benefits, they can do so because they insure their city workers through private insurance providers.

But Oakland, along with 70 some other cities in the state, are insured through the state Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS) which specifically excludes benefits to either "common law spouses" or "life partners."

Nevertheless, the Oakland Council went ahead and approved the health benefits, contingent on a change in the CAL-PERS regulations, which the Council also formally requested the $67-billion state agency to adopt. It is believed to be the first time CAL-PERS has been asked to accept domestic partner benefits.

But even if CAL-PERS accepts the Oakland request, any amendment to its state charter would require approval of the Legislature and governor as well, a prospect that may face a difficult political fight.

Activists with the Berkeley-based East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club and the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club in San Francisco have already contacted several state legislators to authorize the CAL-PERS charter changes. And according to Vicki Kolakowski, of the East Bay club, Assemblyman Tom Bates (D-Oakland) has already agreed to introduce the legislation next year.

Although there are scores of special districts and some dozen counties in the state that also carry health insurance through CAL-PERS, Oakland is the largest city insured through the state agency. Kolakowski praised the City Council for its "leadership role" in helping change the state regulations.▼

The New Republic Runs Full Page Pro-Gay and Lesbian Ad

The New Republic, ran a full-page pro-gay and lesbian ad in its July 13th Issue. The ad, prepared by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a lesbian and gay political organization, urges readers to join the work of the Campaign Fund by fighting anti-lesbian and gay bigotry.

Directly countering the anti-gay rhetoric of Vice President Dan Quayle, the ad is headlined: "Tolerance is a traditional value."

"We wanted to make sure that the readers of a widely read journal of political opinion know that lesbian and gay Americans are not going to remain silent in the face of attacks from Dan Quayle, Lou Sheldon and others on the far right," noted Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Campaign Fund.

The New Republic was awarded the prestigious National Magazine Award for General Excellence earlier this year. It is edited by openly gay journalist Andrew Sullivan.▼

Soccer Festival Scheduled

The 2nd annual "Festival of the Babes," a lesbian-positive soccer tournament will be hosted by the Oakland Follies Soccer Club. This seven-a-side recreational tournament will be held on September 5 and 6, Labor Day Weekend in San Francisco.

A special service will connect the individuals with teams needing players, or will create new teams. Registration for teams is $100, and for individuals is $10. Festival of the Babes, Club Follie, 442 48th St. Oakland, CA 94609.▼

Violence Erupts In Oregon

The Portland office of the Campaign For a Hate Free Oregon (CHFO), the statewide gay and lesbian group fighting several far right ballot initiatives, was vandalized and demolished during the night of June 8.

The break-in came on the heels of an increase in organizing by the gay and lesbian community of Oregon to combat the extremist Right - which has targeted Oregon for a November ballot measure that would thwart any attempts by gay people to obtain equal rights.

Oregon activists attributed the destruction to the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), which is pressing to pass four anti-gay local and statewide initiatives in 1992. Thus far, two of the measures have been voted upon, with one passing (Springfield, Or) and one being defeated (Corvallis, OR.) As the OCA organizes around the state in support of its anti-gay measures on the November general election ballot, Oregon activists fear violence against the gay and lesbian community will increase. The bias crime Unit of the Portland Police Department is investigating the incident. No arrests have been made.

In the weeks preceding the attack, CHFO has received high media visibility as a result of community organizing against the Right. A door-to-door campaign to hang stickers saying "Stop the OCA" on door knobs was launched on May 9th. A highly publicized, two-week long, 150-mile "March for Love and Justice," organized by the Lesbian Community Project, stepped off from Eugene on June 7th.

The violence at the CHFO office also follows soon after the May 19 primary vote on the two identical local anti-gay initiatives spearheaded by the OCA in Springfield and Corvallis. While voters in Corvallis overwhelmingly defeated the measure in a two-to-one vote, Springfield residents passed the measure.

The new Springfield law amends the city charter to prohibit the city from passing or enforcing any law that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation and also prohibits "the City of Springfield, its agencies, departments, bureaus, properties or monies be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality..."

Two statewide initiatives will be on the November ballot. One measure is similar to the Springfield initiative, but additionally directs the state to teach children that homosexuality is an unnatural and abnormal behavior that must be avoided. A second statewide initiative would delete the words "sexual orientation" from the state's hate crimes law and replace them with the words "abnormal behaviors."

Send resources and letters of support to the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon, Box 3343, Portland, OR; (503) 232-4501.▼

Photo by Brian Ashby

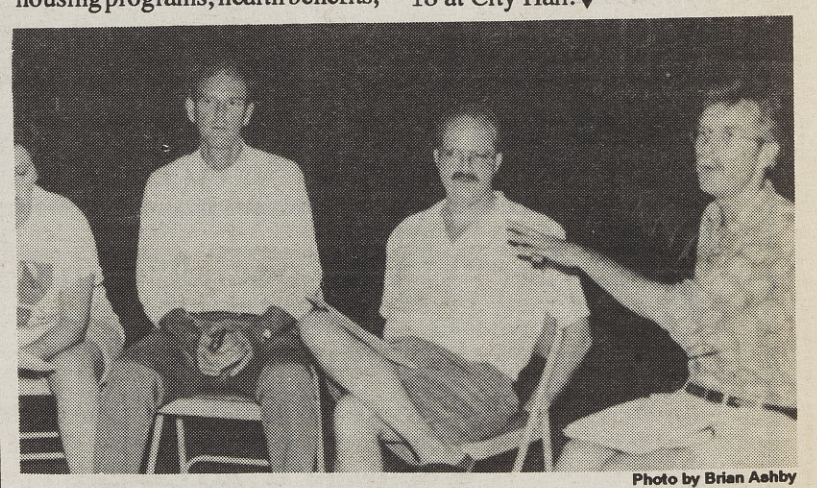
Eileen Gillis was named Co-Chair of Sacramento Family Diversity Task Force

Sacramento Domestic Partnership To Be Introduced

Earlier this year, Mayor Anne Rudin discussed developing an ordinance to better recognize and protect more diverse family structures in Sacramento. The Sacramento Family Diversity Task Force formed to provide a forum for concerned volunteer activists to learn more about the idea and to support the Mayor's efforts.

The ordinance would provide some of the rights and benefits that married couples enjoy – such as hospital visitation rights, access to housing programs, health benefits, etc. – to unmarried couples, and other types of families. These ordinances already exist in many cities, including Seattle, Minneapolis, Washington, DC, West Hollywood and San Francisco.

The Task Force usually meets every Tuesday at 5:30pm at the YWCA at 17th and L. Co-chairs Eileen Gillis, 455-0690, and Michael Boyd, 448-2383 are encouraging community members to participate. The City Council will probably hear the issue August 11 or 18 at City Hall.▼



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Members and supporters, Lucy Galindo, Michael Boyd, Keith Johnson, Tim Kelleher, of Sacramentos Family Diversity Task Force met at the YWCA on Tuesday July 21 to discuss promotion materials for a proposed Domestic Partners Ordinance in Sacramento.

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ACT UP At Republican Convention

On August 17, AIDS activists from across the United States will converge on Houston, Texas in a direct challenge to George Bush and the entire Republican Party.

Members of ACT UP (the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) and other AIDS activist organizations will meet in Houston during the Republican National Convention to carry out an entire week of protests designed to expose the complete inadequacy of the past three Republican administrations in dealing with the AIDS crisis.

The goal of the protest and demonstration will be to let the nation know there has been no effective leadership from the Republicans in trying to deal with this disease.

A march from a central Houston location to the Astrodome, where the convention will be held, is planned for Monday, August 17. Several hundred AIDS activists are expected to come to Houston, and a general feeling among many is that the convention provides an opportunity for more creative and aggressive forms of civil disobedience than has been seen in other ACT UP protests.

ACT UP is working closely with Queer Nation in Houston and groups in other cities which are planning to come to this convention to show queer outrage at homophobic Republican policies.▼

Celebrating Stonewall's 25th Anniversary Aboard the 'Freedom Train'

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

LOS ANGELES — Around the time of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York that gave birth to the modern phase of the gay rights movement, the era of luxury train travel in this country was coming to an end. But to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Stonewall in 1994, a group of lesbian and gay railroad fans will reproduce something of that epoch with a private, deluxe 14-car "Freedom Train" excursion from Los Angeles to New York and back.

Recreating that red-plush Orient Express era has long been the dream of vintage rail buff, Wes Giles of Los Angeles, and after a railroad convention in San Francisco last year, Giles returned to Southern California and floated the idea of a special cross-country train excursion to coincide with 25th Anniversary celebrations planned for New York in June 1994. And, voila! the Freedom Train was born. The train will also be adding its own bit to gay and lesbian history. Not only will it be the first coast-to-coast gay train, it will also be the first private transcontinental train in some 25 years.

"I've had a fantasy ever since I was a kid that I've always wanted to have my own private railroad car take me across the United States," said Giles. "I went to my travel agent, another railroad buff who actually owns a couple of these cars, and I asked him if we could do this in 1994. He thought about it and we talked about it, and we decided that, yes, it can be done."

With a distinctly gay elan, the 250 passengers will get to celebrate their gay lib in the grand style. "These are not Amtrak cars," Giles said of the rail cars that date from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s and which have been refurbished and brought up to contemporary standards of luxury - air conditioning, lounge cars with VCRs, and a domed dinner car that organizers promise will deliver haute cuisine, including china, silver and crystal table service - we aren't talking microwaved frozen dinners on plastic plates here. And depending on some rather complicated logistical problems, there may be a rolling disco-dance hall car on the Freedom Train as well.

The 14 cars of the Freedom Train will include 57 double bedroom suites, 46 roomettes, a 36-birth sleeping car as well as 44 coach seats ranging in price from $2,300 for coach to $4,000 per person for suites through July. In August the rates all go up $500 and in August 1993 they will go up an additional $500, so the sooner you sign up, the lower the cost. Giles said profits from the two-week train trip will go to the Washington, D.C.-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

En route, the Freedom Train will be making a number of brief stops as well as two overnight excursion tours - in San Francisco headed East and in New Orleans on the way back.

Of course New York's massive Stonewall celebration is the objective of the Freedom Train where organizers of the 25th anniversary events that will include a monster concern of nearly every gay and lesbian band, chorus and orchestra in the country, Gay Games IV, and the parade itself. Organizers in New York say they are expecting as many as 2 million gays and lesbians in the city for the week's events.

The 250 people on the Freedom Train won't have to worry about finding hotel rooms, however. As with the overnight stays in San Francisco and New Orleans, hotel lodging in New York is included as part of the package price.

For reservation and itinerary information, write to Freedom Train, P O Box 273, East Irvine, Calif. 92650.▼

Canadian Government's 'Fruit Machine' to Identify Gays

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

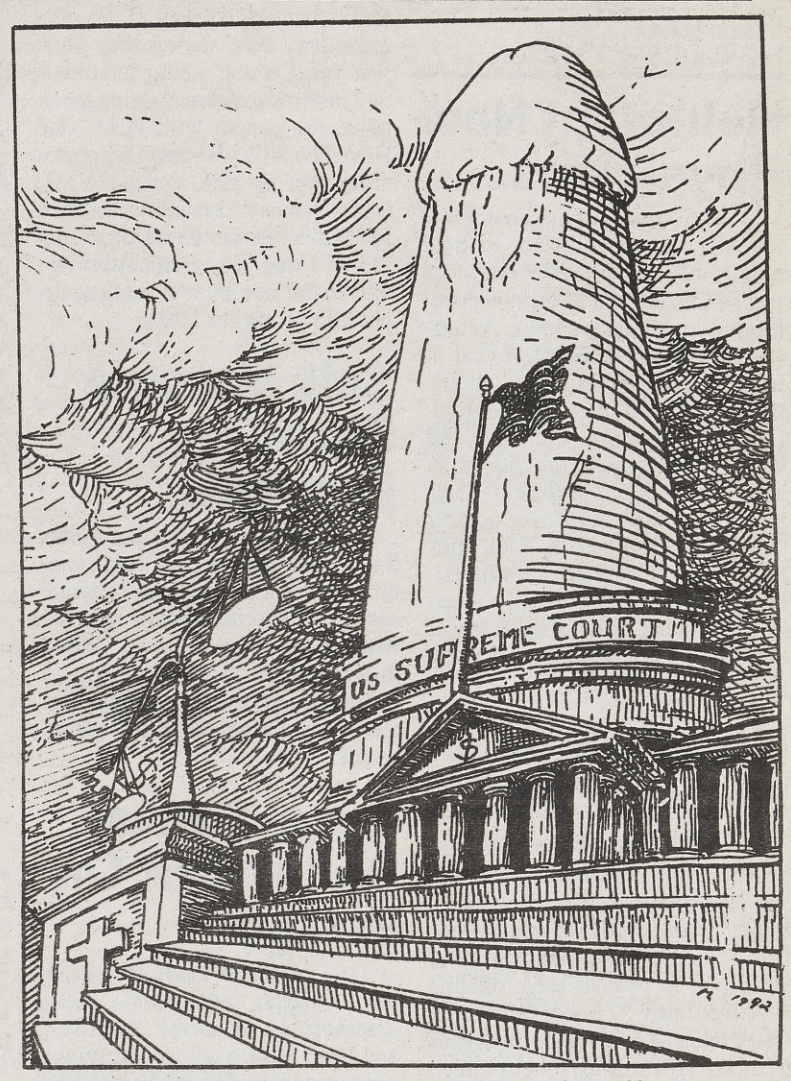
OTTAWA — The Canadian Press news agency obtained documents from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) that indicate the Canadian police in the nation's capital during the 1960s kept extensive files on people who were believed to be gay, and tried to identify all the gay men in the city using a device called a "fruit machine."

The Canadian Press documents show the RCMP developed its "fruit machine" which showed sexually explicit images while measuring pupil dilation and changes in blood press and perspiration. The theory behind the device was that extreme response to male sexual images indicated latent or overt homosexuality.

The RCMP apparently used the device between 1959 and 1967 to eliminate at least 395 Canadian civil servants from the government after a male clerical worker at the nation's embassy in Moscow was filmed by the Soviet secret police having sex with another man in a blackmail attempt. The government launched the anti-gay witch hunt to purge gays from the political posts because of fears they were likely to be recruited by the Soviets to spying for them.

Although the original aim of the RCMP "fruit machine" project was initially to ferret out gays in the Canadian government, it ultimately expanded to include the identification of everyone in Ottawa who was believed or know to be gay. During the nine-year period the RCMP operated its purge, police officials accumulated some 8,200 dossiers on such men.

The RCMP refused to comment to news agencies on the files, but officials said the dossiers had been transferred to the Canadian Security Intelligence Services several years ago.▼



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Massachusetts Governor Creates Country's First Gay/Lesbian Youth Agency

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

BOSTON - Saying he is "committed to putting an end once and for all to violence and discrimination and hate crimes," Massachusetts Gov. William Weld signed an executive order that creates a Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, the first such state-level agency in the country.

Weld, a first-term Republican, created the commission at the request of the Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights after a bill authorizing a similar state agency died in the state legislature last year before it could be acted on at the session's end.

The 16-person commission will act as an advisory agency for the state Education Office and the Office of Human Services. Activists say they hope the governor's commission will be instrumental in getting a gy and lesbian support and service program in the Massachusetts schools statewide like the "Project 10" program pioneered in Los Angeles by Dr. Virginia Uribe.

Another goal of the commission will be developing and implementing suicide-prevention programs aimed at gay and lesbian adolescents because of a reportedly high suicide rate among gay and lesbian youth. According to a 1989 Health and Human Services study, suicide was the leading cause of deaths among gay adolescents, comprising nearly one third of all the teen suicides in the country.

The new commission will include a high school student, a college student, the parent of a gay youth as well as representatives of educational institutions and social services professions.

Weld, a fiscally conservative Republican with liveral views on social issues, garnered a great deal of support among Massachusetts gays and lesbians during the 1990 election.

In signing the executive order creating the Gay and Lesbian Youth Commission, Weld said, "We all know that the pressures on all youth can be tremendous. And, for the homosexual teenager, these pressures can be multiplied a number of times. The unfortunate reality is that nearly 30 percent of youth suicides are committed by gay and lesbian youth. More than 25 percent of young gays and lesbians are forced to leave home because of conflicts over their sexual identity.

The commission is supposed to make its first repotr to the governor by Sept. 30 of this year.▼

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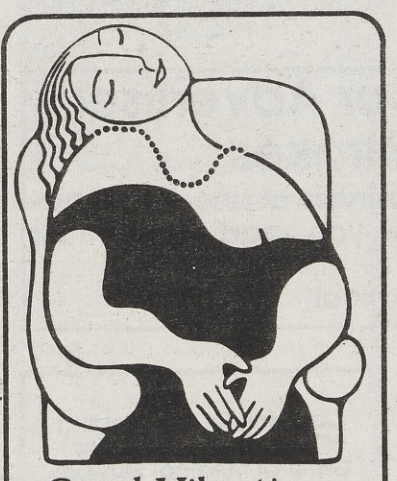

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HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox
MGW AIDS/HIV EDITOR

Reluctant New Physicians...

Young American doctors are much more reluctant to treat people infected with HIV than doctors in Canada and France, a recent international study shows. American physicians in their last year of residency at teaching hospitals say they're aware of the ethical obligation to treat people with HIV, but would not choose to practice in an area where AIDS is prevalent. Their primary concern was over getting the disease from needle-stick injuries. About 75 percent of the physicians surveyed say they've been stuck at least once already by a needle contaminated with a patient's blood.

Non-Oxynol 9 Sponge Test...

A study involving female prostitutes in Nairobi showed that the application of the most commonly used spermicide, non-oxynol 9, to a contraceptive sponge was not sufficient to protect them against HIV infection; 27 out of 60 women tested became positive. Non-oxynol 9 can kill HIV in a test tube environment. American researchers recommend use of this spermicide only as a "back-up" to condoms, in case of condom tears or leaks. It's found in lubricants as well as "baby wipe" cloths, a handy item for the bedside.

New AIDS-Like Disease...

International reports of about 30 cases of an unexplainable AIDS-like disease were discussed at the recent international AIDS conference in Amsterdam. These people have developed AIDS-type illnesses, but are HIV-negative. Theories abound as to whether it could be caused by a third, unknown type of HIV; whether it may be an immune system deficiency caused by some other condition; or whether it might be caused by a microbe or some other factor. It's possible that since physicians are now paying more attention to the immune system, some other long-standing, rare disease as yet unidentified has been found. A Cornell researcher says he's already identified a possible culprit and will report on it shortly in the medical journals. Other concerns at the conference revolve around outbreaks of cases in some parts of the world or a mutant strain of tuberculosis that defies medical treatment and appears to be untreatable.

HIV Spreading Among Homeless

A nationwide federal study says that at least 15 percent of people living on the streets have HIV, and that as many as half of all Americans with AIDS are either currently homeless or about to become so. "The Administration's failure to address the AIDS housing crisis is clear," says the report. People with AIDS face discrimination in getting housing, they lose their homes because they can't work and can't pay their rent or mortgage, and many are hospitalized and find they have nowhere to go upon discharge. In addition, the report says, federal officials at the Department of Housing and Urban Development do not recognize AIDS as a disability, which means that people with HIV don't have access to funding assistance for the disabled. HUD officials deny this, saying they were just "next week' going to release $47 million aimed at housing assistance for people with AIDS and HIV. The AIDS Housing Opportunities Act of 1990 set aside 500 housing units for people with AIDS; HUD has thus far distributed only 215 of these. The Bush Administration did not request funding for AIDS housing for 1993.

Salk Vaccine Showing Promise...

A vaccine by Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio vaccine, appears to boost the immune system of people already infected with HIV, say scientists. Tested thus far on 60 people, it seems to stimulate the immune system and the creation of antibodies as well as t-cells.

Local PWAs Speak Out On Budget

A warm thank-you to local AIDS activists Arlis Zimmerman, Andrew Swanson, and Brad Martin whose interviews appeared in the Sacramento Bee on the effects of proposed budget cuts by county officials. County health officer Betty Hinton says the "odds are extremely high" that funding for the 672 clients of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation will take a severe hit. Coming at a time when the Foundation is seeing more and more new clients each week, the devastating budget cut could cost the Foundation four case managers, a clerical worker, and one of the coordinators of the Hand-to-Hand Project.

Three-Drug Combination Tested...

Researcher at Burroughs-Welcome, maker of AZT, have found that a 3-drug combination of AZT, DDC and Alpha Interferon work together much better in laboratory tests than AZT and DDC alone. The company has recently started a large clinical trial to try this combination on people. Standard doses of AZT and DDC are used with a dosage of Wellferon injected once a day. (Injected Wellferon is approved in Europe for treatment of hepatitis B. Other brands of interferon, especially Kemron, taken by mouth, are not being tested because the dosages of each type vary greatly.)▼

Profiles In Courage: People Who Make A Difference

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Chuck Novak

If people can come to understand that life is about loving one another and doing all they can to mitigate suffering, and doing it with integrity, then they have a true understanding that this is what life is all about," said Chuck Novak, past director of client services at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation during its formative years.

Novak, who lost his fight with AIDS July 25, a week before his 48th birthday, came to have a different link to the AIDS Foundation over the past two years: he had become a client fighting the end stages of this disease, in the unique position of being able to benefit from programs he helped put in place just a few short years age.

"When I was at the Foundation, a lot of volunteers and a small number of staff - including people with HIV disease - worked tirelessly to meet the growing number of clients. These selfless people were the core support of people with HIV and AIDS in Sacramento.

"We finally got the state involved in AIDS services and projects. We were able to contract for nursing support that has saved tremendous amounts of money previously spent on hospital care by allowing people - such as myself - to stay at home with those they love at the end of their life if this is their choice."

Chuck's outlook on life since early childhood seemed to have led him directly to the place he found himself in during his final months of living with AIDS: surrounded by a devoted partner, family, and Hand-to-Hand volunteer who showered him with support and love as he got the health care and services he needed to fight this disease with dignity and courage.

"I constantly got in trouble at home as a kid because I always encouraged school chums whose home life was less than ideal to come stay with us," he said. His mom, Estelle, puts it this way, "Sometimes there would be 16 kids that he had rescued having breakfast at our house, and one kid lived with us for eight years."

"I just never could stand to see others suffer," he said. His mom adds, "As soon as he got his driver's license, he started driving neighbors to the cancer clinic, and coordinating Christmas food drives."

Following this direction he was naturally pulled to, his college courses in research psychiatry brought him into touch with the 1960's world of institutional care for the "retarded." "My intense courses in social welfare, politics, community planning, and social work were laying a foundation for my future, and after considering a c career in medicine, I chose to become a licensed social worker. I realized this was the way I could best do the kind of good I felt I could bring to people, rather than sitting in a lab all day, " he said.

"At my first job for the Fresno County Social Welfare Department I was always in trouble for encouraging people to stay on the welfare rolls to complete their education. I realized that the agriculture system benefitted by the cheap labor in the summer, then welfare picked up seasonally to keep these people in their rut. I was so frustrated I finally left, " he lamented.

"I then realized I needed to attend graduate school (where he graduated with honors) so I could get into positions where I could change the system. At the time I graduated, people who'd been hidden away in mental institutions all their lives were being prepared for society re-entry, as the government became aware that people with learning disabilities were, in fact, often very capable of living meaningful lives in the community."

"At the top of my agenda as I got my first job as Director of a local association for the retarded in Illinois was the creation of a five-county services program to prepare institutionalized Illinois residents for re-entry into the mainstream. We started programs from pre-natal care through the adult years, helping clients with medical, social, and counseling needs, and implementing special education programs for children during their educational years.

"I did lots of political work and grant writing, and during the six years I was there, the work we did led to Illinois becoming one of the first states to pass laws calling for mandatory education for the disabled. We developed transportation programs, and created residential and job-training services not previously available. This was an excellent time in our country to do this work because of the foundation laid by the Kennedys; it was a very exciting time!"

Chuck went on to work with the Peoria Association for Retarded Citizens where he engineered the creation of a child respite program, and built beautiful facilities and transportation with money from grants he's learned to successfully write in his previous job. "I was getting such a good feel for the system, and where the gaps were," he said.

Still driven by his philosophy of alleviating human suffering, he began serving on boards, committees, and special education councils at all levels of local Illinois government. "In the late 1960's, I was offered a job at the Regional Center for the mentally disabled in Stockton. Here I assured that the developmentally disabled learned how to access services and get skills, and I was able to be involved with direct care for those discharged from state institutions. And here I married and had the first of my three children, who was born with Down's Syndrome. It was a shock, and yet a gift after I'd devoted my entire life to creating programs for children in this same situation. My son now lives in a group home is Stockton and has a job!"

"After my third child, I knew I had to begin to confront my own personal crisis of being married and being gay. At this same time, the AIDS epidemic was starting to take its toll of the Stockton community, and I kept feeling that I needed to bring my career experience to bear in this situation, because I was so familiar with issues and politics from the Federal level on down."

"I had just been elected as a "Fellow" to the prestigious American Association of Mental Deficiency when Dr. Elizabeth Harrison called to ask me if I could volunteer my social work and counseling skills to the newly created Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand Project, whose volunteers care for people with AIDS.

I started traveling regularly to Sacramento, and soon knew the time had come to bring my life together.

"I had many political contacts in Sacramento because of my Stockton job, and thoroughly enjoyed my now Hand-to-Hand matches. But even so, when the Foundation asked me to come to work for them, it was a time of great decision. My salary would be one-third of what I had been making, and I would be giving up the great prestige of the Stockton Regional Center. But I wanted to get into the gay community and be who I really was, I wanted to help develop services as I had done for the mentally disabled, and I really missed the direct care aspects of my social work days.

"So in the end, it was 'no contest,' and I came to the AIDS Foundation as a social worker. I counseled people at the city's first test site when we gave them their HIV test results. I began working with the UC Davis Medical Center with great professionals such as Dr. Neil Flynn. And in 1986 I became head of Client Services at the AIDS Foundation. I was able to discover untapped resources and develop a system of referrals that expanded

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Jenny Jones

Jenny Jones, whose morning talk show airs locally on KCRA-TV 3, brings an exuberantly wholesome personality to the format, and has offered some good shows on lesbian and gay issues.

Jones' July 14 program was however a misstep. Guests were the four parents (one lesbian couple, one gay male couple) of a single daughter. The first part of the program focused on the special problems and advantages of child-rearing by two sets of equally involved parents. The discussion was humane and intersting, and the audience was supportive.

For the second part of the program Jones brought out John Lofton, invited to appear because he believes that homosexuality is a "perversion."

Lofton is not your typical bigot. He displays hatred openly, and encourages others to do the same. He immediately made his feelings clear by declaring: "I think quite frankly that I'm going to puke." Lofton shouted at his fellow sguests, at different times calling them "evil," "bad," and "disgusting" people.

Lofton characterized all homosexuals as wildly promiscuous. When the other guests challenged his knowledge of thier lives, he simply accused them of lying.

When Leena Ford, one of the lesbian guests, made a point about respecting religious differences by pointing out that she didn't believe in using insecticide but would not prevent others from doing so, Lofton shouted "I wish I had a can of it right now," gesturing as if to spray Ms. Ford with insecticide.

Lofton continued talking even while Jones and other guests spoke, muttering insults and sarcastic comments about what was being said, and even ridiculing Jones' questions as "stupid." The other guests struggled bravely to retain their dignity and composure under the barrage of insults.

You might think that such an ugly display would make homophobes to re-examine their beliefs, but evidence suggests otherwise. As the show went on the number of audience members applauding Lofton's tirades increased. Some hate groups, like the White Aryan Resistance, have said that they seek out these talk show appearances because they are most successful recruiting tool.

Jones was visibly shocked by Lofton's display, yet several times encouraged audience members who agreed with him to express themselves. She asked viewers to "make your own judgements for yourself," encouraging the notion that hatred and elimination of minority groups (or at least of one minority group) is a question to be decided by debate.

Jones seems like a sensitive woman who needs some guidance. Write a letter and thank her for positive shows like the one on gay sons and their parents (June 23) and same-sex sexual harassment (July 6). Regarding the July 14 program, you might tell her not to treat people's very right to exist as a matter for debate. If she wants to provide a forum for hate groups, ask that she counter their presence with experts on hatred and prejuidice.

Contact Jenny Jones, P.O. Box 3333, Merchandise Mail Plaza, Chicago IL 60654, tel. 312-836-9400.

Novak

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our growing base of services for people who were, at that time, dying very quickly after they've been identified as needing services.

"I've always seemed to be in the right place at the right time. For five years, I've been with the great love of my life, Carl McCollum, who was diagnosed with AIDS in 1987, and we've fought this disease side by side. I find myself with a wonderful Hand-to-Hand volunteer, Mike Lemon, who's been by my side through thick and thin, as well as other volunteers, dear friends, a wonderful physician and health care attendants I've come to cherish. I have a devoted family who's never abandoned me and who love and support Carl as strongly as they do me.

"I have such an accepting family." said Chuck. "The love they've given us has been a tremendous gift that provides both of us the strength to go on, to fight this disease with integrity and courage. When family and friends are there for you when you're in the process of dying, this is the proof of real devotion."

"We had sometimes asked ourselves if we'd be here for each other when we got sick," Carl said a few days before he lost Chuck, "and here we are! It's such a true test of our commitment. Our life together has surpassed what we had ever hoped for. When God decided to show me compassion and love and caring, he sent me Chuck."▼

Melrose Place

On July 8, the Fox network premiered Melrose Place, a new drama series that includes a gay character among an ensemble cast of "eight adults in their 20's living in one of L.A.'s trendiest neighborhoods." Actor Doug Savant plays the gay character, Matt Fielding, a social worker who assists runaway kids in Hollywood.

In the first episode, Matt's sexual orientation was revealed in a natural way when both he and a hetersexual female friend expressed interest in the same man. In the second episode (July 16), Matt played virtually no role at all. According to series producer-creator Darren Star, "It's established that he's gay in the first show but we won't really be dealing with this sexuality until about the sixth show. Iwant the audience to get to know Matt in all sorts of other situations first."

Thank Fox for bringing a continuing, positive gay character back to prime time. You might want to include a reminder that network television continues to represent our community almost exculsively with white gay men, and some diversity would certainly be welcome. And keep your eyes open for that "sixth show!"

Write to Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, tel 310-277-2211.

KQED

KQED's lesbian and gay programming during Pride Month has sometimes been minimal and outdated, but each of the past two years has brought improvement. This year viewers were treated to groundbreaking programs such as the award winning *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, a BBC adaptation of David Leavitt's *The Lost Language of Cranes*, and the pilot esisode of *In the Life*, a program devoted to lesbian and gay issues producsed in New York.

Also new to American airways were three episodes of the fantastic British lesbian and gay news magazine series *Out*, and *Two of Us*, a film about two gay teens originally developed as part of a BBC school series, then censored.

Many people still have complaints about KQED's pride programming: that programs tend to air too late at night, sometimes with inappropriate "warnings," and that there is too little locally produced programming. Nevertheless, sources at KQED report that their lesbian and gay programming generates about three times as much homophobic reaction (in the form of membership cancellations and threats) as it does lesbian and gay response.

Let KQED know you appreciate their progress, and offer suggestions on how they can improve their service to the community both during Pride month and throughout the year.

Write to Antonio Tiano, President, KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa Street, San Francisco CA 94110, tel. 415-553-2100.

SF Giants

On August 21st the San Franciso Giants will turn their game into a benefit for local AIDS organizations. Appearing at the event will be the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of San Francisco, and a person with AIDS will throw the first pitch.

When the Giants held a similar event last year, they were inundated with protests. You may express your support, or get information about tickets, by contacting San Francisco Giants, attn: Group Sales, Candlestick Park, San Francisco CA 94124, tel. 415-330-2435.

Entertainment Tonight

Unrepentant homophobe Anita Bryant, who has written yet another book (her 11th), continues to get free publicity and glorification by the media. On July 10 the NBC show *Entertainment Tonight* offered an obsequious profile of Bryant. In the segment *ET* painted Bryant as a "deeply religious person" who was victimized for standing up for her beliefs. Reporter John Tesh described in detail the personal and financial decline which followed Bryant's campaign against a Florida civil rights ordinance. "I paid a very high price," Bryant declared, going on at length to describe death threats, harassment and discrimination she claims to have received.

Missing from the report were any lesbians or gays victimized by Bryant's hate campaign, or any response to her lies (Bryant had the chance to reassure everyone that she still believes in discrimination, "because my principles are not mine, they're God's.") The rest of the piece promoted Bryant's new "career" (she's bought her own theater to showcase her talents in Arkansas, where, according to *ET*, "she can be herself and not worry about getting a pie in the face."), and included endless shots of Bryant at home with her new husband, feeding her horses, and singing bad songs.

Write to Entertainment Tonight, Paramount Studios, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood CA 90038, tel. 213-956-4900.

San Jose Mercury News

The July 10th edition of the *Mercury News'* weekend entertainment guide *Eye* offered a one sided profile of KSJO radio's racist, sexist, and homophobic morning D.J.'s Lamont and Tonelli. Lamont and Tonelli were glorified by adoring quotes from the KSJO station manager and from their radio fans. The article failed to mention their homophobic skits and on-air quotes that characterize African-Americans as stupid, criminal and illiterate, that refer to Asian Americans as "slant eyed gooks" and to women as "snapper." KSJO station manager John Sutherland claimed in the article that Lamont and Tonelli's work has been "widely accepted and supported by the community." there is no reference to protests against the show by GLAAD and other organizations.

Contact Holly Hayes, Eye Editor, SJ Mercury News, 750 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose CA 95190, tel 408-920-5374. Let her know how acceptable you find Lamont and Tonelli's hate-mongering and ask for more balanced coverage in the future. If you haven't already done so, you may contact John Sutherland, KSJO Station Manager, at 408-453-5400.

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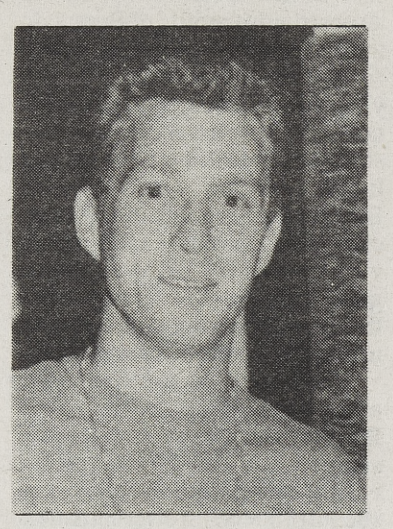
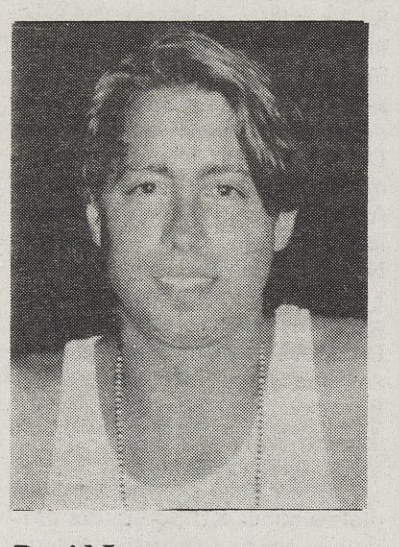


Rob Michel
"That's easy...Christianity! It's always been a part of my life. My church family means a lot to me."



David Luna
"We need to value mother earth. She is the mother and we are the children. Mother earths' love for us is unconditional, ours should be also."

Lucy Galindo
"Unconditional Love. I preach it always."

Paulette Jacobson
"Trust and safety...Telling the truth."

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By Winston McDade
OF MGW STAFF

AIDS Activists Shine at Democratic Convention

Two HIV-positive key-note speakers emotionally moved Democratic campaign conventioneers with their stories of personal struggles with AIDS and its effects on the lives of their families and loved ones.

Bob Hattoy, a 40-year-old openly gay environmental activist who has been HIV-positive for two years, and Elizabeth Glaser, wife of television actor Paul Michael Glaser, who was diagnosed with HIV 11 years ago, both addressed the convention with powerful speeches that stressed solidarity and determination for all suffering from the disease.

Hattoy was personally picked by Gov. Bill Clinton to speak at the convention, a decision that remains in line with Clinton's promises to address the AIDS crisis more closely than President Bush or former President Reagan did.
--B.A.R.

Pro-choice Activists Dump 10,000 Hangers on Federal Building Lawn

In opposition to the latest ruling upholding restrictions on abortion, 200 pro-choice activists covered the San Francisco Federal Building grounds with 10,000 wire hangers.

The activists described the ruling as a setback for poor and rural women who are being punished based on where they live. The hangers were said to be a representation of what these women will be forced to resort to when their choices of pre-natal healthcare -P.G.N.
and family planning options are eroded.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 200,000 women die each year from botched illegal abortions.
--B.A.R.

Discharge Imminent for Gay Navy Pilot

A Navy pilot who came out publicly on national television expects to be discharged soon from military service. Lt. Tracy Thorne, who appeared on "Nightline" to discuss his opposition against the military's policies banning gay men and lesbians from serving, has been reassigned desk duty and doesn't expect to rejoin his squadron.

According to Thorne, other Navy personnel who have supported him have recently had their own sexual status and identity questioned by the top brass and have received warnings not to side with the controversial aviator. Still, some pilots have continued to voice their support and concern for Thorne anonymously.
--B.A.R.

A New York State of Mind-- and Body

A recent ruling by the New York State Court of Appeals gave women in that state the right to bare their breasts as long as they don't behave in a lascivious manner.

The ruling came about from a six-year court fight involving a group of women known as the "Topfree Seven." The women have been protesting the law as one of gender discrimination, which allows for men to go topless but discriminates against females by describing nudity for women as bare breasts as well as genitals.
--P.G.N.

Sister Souljah's Rap Against Lesbians

During her speech at Amherst, Massachusetts' Hampshire College, Sister Souljah, the controversial African-American woman rapper who has been criticized by Gov. Bill Clinton as promoting racism and hatred, was confronted by two audience members who described themselves as black lesbians. The two women apparently took offense to Souljah's hardline for black unity and strength through heterosexuality.

In a rap song that appears on her album 360 Degrees of Power, Souljah describes lesbianism as a tool that white feminists use to separate black women from black men, and therefore allows these white feminists to seduce African-American women into sexual relationships.

After abruptly cutting the two audience members off by not allowing them to finish making their points about their struggles as black lesbians, Souljah continued to denounce homosexuality and stated that as African-Americans heterosexuality is the key to empowerment, and then she walked out of the gathering.
--Seattle Gay News

Gay Travellers' Newsletter Established

A planned international newsletter for Gay and Lesbian travellers seeks to promote friendship among people of all nations. The newsletter, "Gay Traveller International" will contain news, poetry and prose with an emphasis on travel and cross-cultural relations. An international penpal section will also be featured. The first edition is scheduled for Fall, 1992. The newsletter encourages you to submit news item and creative efforts for the first edition. Free copies of the newsletter and free penpal ads are available by writing its publisher: G.T. International, Box 14358, Albq. , NM 87191-4358, U.S.A.
--G.T. International

HRCF Praises Selection of Al Gore

The largest national Gay and lesbian and AIDS political organization, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, has praised Gov. Bill Clinton on his recent decision of selecting Sen. Al Gore as his running mate.

The HRCF has cited Gore's record in regards to gay and lesbian issues as impressive, and his voting record as a demonstration of to the "commitment to the traditional American Values of equality, tolerance and respect for privacy and individual rights."

His opposition of Senator Jesse Helms and his push for greater federal involvement in combatting hate crimes puts Gore in a favored light with the gay and lesbian movement at large. ▼

William S. Burroughs unleashes *The Wild Boys*

Following on the heels of the controversial film version of his off-beat erotic novel *Naked Lunch*, William S. Burroughs once again paints an ode to homoeroticism--this time in the pages of an all-male magazine called *FreshMEN*.

FreshMEN will feature art and writings by Burroughs, as well as excerpts from his homoerotic novel *The Wild Boys*. This particular issue, *FreshMEN* #9208, goes on sale the first week of July.

Oregon Town Mandates Anti-Gay Bias

Citizens of Springfield, Oregon passed a mandate in their May 19 primary that made it legal to actively discriminate against homosexuals. An initiative on Springfield's primary ballot that outlaws civil rights for gays and bans gay pride events was passed by a vote of 5,693 to 4,540. The measure prohibits the city from passing any law that recognizes "any categorical references to 'sexual orientation' or 'sexual preference,'" and allows city agencies, private or otherwise, to deny services to gay and lesbian social, political and religious organizations, as well as non-gay groups who show support for the homosexual lifestyle. In addition, all Springfield Public Libraries are required to remove any books from its shelves that presents gays and lesbians in a positive light. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force urges everyone to get involved with The Campaign For a Hate Free Oregon by sending funds and organizational statements to: CHFO, Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208 or call (503) 232-4501.

AIDS TV Movie Nets Major Cash Donations

A television movie about a young woman's fight with AIDS has garnered a lot of respect and concern for people living with the disease, as well as large donations to Concerned Parents for AIDS Research (CPFA).

Something to Live For: the Alison Gertz Story has received critical acclaim for educating the country about AIDS and has prompted concerned parents and people all over the United States to send over $30,000 in donations to CPFA in an effort to stop the epidemic that's on the rise amongst teenagers and adolescents. CFPA was established in 1989 by a group of parents who came to realization that their children, and other parents' children, could also fall victim to AIDS.

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by John Batchelor
FLASH EDITOR

While Mr. Flash may be somewhat **out of touch** this edition, it appears that Sacramento has continued to thrive in my absence. The Hawaii Men's Gathering called me out of town recently. (Details in the next printing.) As a result the scoop is minimal yet fascinating in every way. ▼ It isn't summer without the annual Fourth of July party at the home of **Pete Pavey** and **Tony Miller**. The farm never saw so many animals. Also visible were more "moons" than anyone thought possible in the middle of the day. ▼ While glancing over my **Advocate Advisor** that arrived in the mail, it was a pleasure to find **Dell Richards'** *Lesbian Lists* in "other books of interest from Alyson Publications." Local woman makes good! ▼ **Henrietta Lopez** of **The Associates** had a client with a good story...a clients home was robbed and the police found a man walking a cart with 2 VCRs, one with a **K.D. Lang** tape still in it. The officer asked what he was doing with the VCRs and the tape. The burglar said **K.D. Lang** was his girlfriend. Pass go and go right to jail!! ▼ The happiest of anniversaries to **Ed Condon** and **Norman Lorenz** who are approaching ten years. These two are an inspiration. ▼ Happy August Birthdays to my long time honey **Pierre Nadeau**, my one-time rival and high maintenance friend **Dan Palomino, Yole` Ortiz, Lu Hoge, Frannie Burton, Larry Hoover.** ▼ The **River City Democratic Club (RCDC)** is about to launch an ambitious project to put lesbians & gay men right in the center of the local political stage. This project is called River City 22. Volunteers will work **at least** 22 hours for a candidate for public office. There are several members involved (far more than 22) who have all made a commitment to this endeavor. A few of the names that catch my eye are **Dan Gentry, Julia Muller, Katie Merrill, Greg Brooks** and **Cindy Huber.** More participants will be mentioned in future editions. ▼ The **Chocolate Ripple** coffee house has gone by the wayside recently. The coffee/dessert business has become fiercely competitive. As a result, hopefully the remaining shops (and there are a number of them) will strive to offer even better quality and superb service. A little coffee, a little talk, it's still a great concept! ▼ After a four year hiatus from Sacramento, **Beth Ruyak** is returning and joining the Channel 10 news team. In years past Ms. Ruyak was great in her overage of gay issues. Let's all encourage her to continue that tradition. Welcome back. ▼ **Daniel Tribble** and **Lou Camera** are now doing business under the name of Salt and Pepper. The venture specializes in **catering.** Best wishes. ▼ **Robert Bequette** is also in the midst of a new venture under the heading of Acropolis International. Undoubtedly this branches off from the computer bulletin board fame. Continued success is inevitable. ▼ **Will Dunnigan-Shread** would like to acknowledge his wonderful tenants via the MGW Flash Column. Apparently they have become quite the family. He extends special thanks to **Colleen, Rebecca, Scott, Marion, Donavan, Kona** and **Gretchen.** Is this gang all under one roof?? If so you all deserve an award. Here here for unity among diversity. ▼ It's hard to believe that **Faces** is celebarating its seventh year. Share in the excitement with **Manhandled II** "Staying Alive at the YMCA," a 70's Retro Party on August 15.....**Joseph's Town and Country (JTC)** keeps us well fed with a variety of summer specials. Sunday brunch is still the bargain of the century!.... Another friendly bar and restaurant is the **Town House.** Check out their dinner menu on the weekends and upcoming cabaret offerings.... It's hard to keep up with the fund raising events at the **Mercantile Saloon** Sacramento's longest standing bar has something happening throughout August.... The **Wreck Room,** not to be outdone, continues it's hugely successful Bare Chest Contest in August. And you won't have to look far to find Randy Gray in the middle of it all.... The **BuffaloClub** is the place to be for summer fun. With their new larger, improved outdoor patio, the setting could not be more perfect. ▼ Until next time, stay on course and continue to make more summer of 92 memories...John▼

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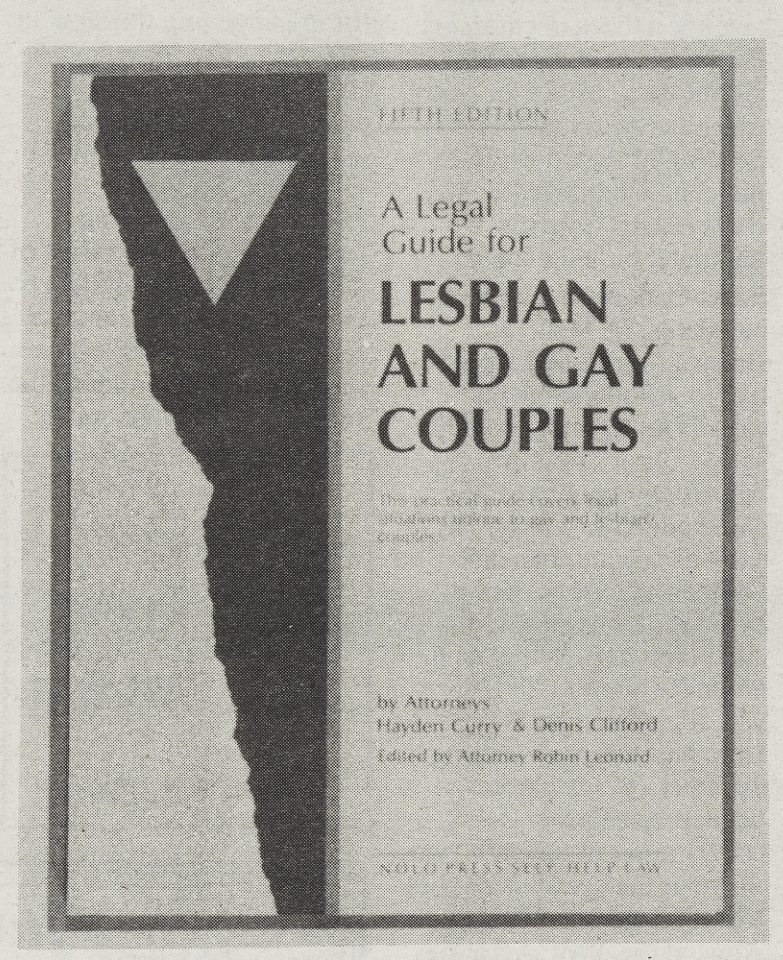


Legal Guide for Gay/Lesbian Couples

***A Legal Guide For Lesbian and Gay Couples*; Hayden Curry and Denis Clifford, edited by Robin Leonard; Nolo Press; $17.95.**

The book is exactly what the title implies--a self-help legal guide for the lesbian or gay couple. The introduction states: "(m)any of the legal consequences of 'coupling' are immediately apparent, but many others don't surface until times of stress--misunderstandings, separation or death." The book offers sound advice covering a variety of potential issues which the same sex couple might face. It also provides a number of sample forms for those who wish to do the work themselves.

One important area covered by the book is living together contracts. Community property laws define property ownership interests for the married couple. However, an unmarried couple should agree to a written contract between themselves to define how they intend to own personal property. What about property owned prior to the relationship, property inherited or received as a gift during the relationship, property purchased during the relationship, and how are expenses to be shared; The need for arbitration or mediation should a dispute arise; The need for separation agreements or support agreements should the relationship terminate.

The book discusses the need and importance of power of attorney for financial management, power of attorney for health care, and estate planning. The process of buying a house and the effect of how you take title. There is a discussion of the couple who wish to be parents--artificial insemination, surrogate mothers, adoption, foster parenting, and co-parenting agreements. What about joint bank accounts, joint credit accounts, and renting a home together.

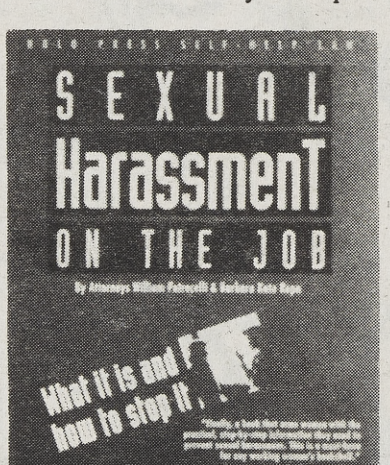
The book is written clearly and in "plain English" with the lay person in mind. Nolo Press provides accurate, up-to-date information, but as the law is in a continual state of change, they cannot guarantee the validity of work done yourself even using the materials they provide. It is still your responsibility to verify that you have complied with the current law. Should you elect to have an attorney prepare the work for you, the book is still a valuable asset. The information contained therein will help you to be able to better communicate with your attorney and to know exactly what you want your attorney to do for you.▼

Sexual Harrassment on the Job

***Sexual Harassment On The Job*; William Petrocelli and Barbara Kate Repa; Nolo Press; $14.95.**

A very timely and unfortunately necessary book. The book is aimed specifically toward sexual harassment of women, however, the advice is valid for anyone being sexually harassed. The book begins with an interesting discussion of the background, causes and effects of sexual harassment. It provides suggestions which the target of harassment should take to end the harassment. It also provides ideas for the employer to use to investigate, prevent or stop sexual harassment in the workplace.

Should these efforts fail, the book provides an excellent discussion of the legal remedies available.. They discuss federal laws which are enforced by the Equal



Employment Opportunities Commission; state fair employment laws, which in California are enforced by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing; and finally, law suits based on several tort theories. The book provides a list of groups and organizations which can provide further information and assistance. It is an invaluable reference guide.▼

Powers of Attorney

***The Power of Attorney Book*; Denis Clifford; Nolo Press; $19.95.**

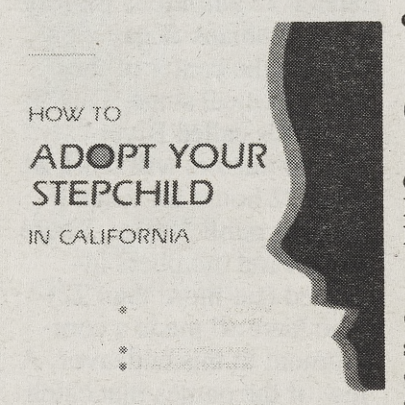
The book provides an excellent overview of powers of attorney. It discusses issues that the principal (person making the power of attorney) should consider. It also discusses issues that the attorney-in-fact (person receiving authority under the power of attorney) should consider before agreeing to being appointed. The book discusses the types of power of attorney--durable power of attorney (survives incapacitation of the principal), springing power of attorney (becomes effective only upon the incapacitation of the principal), and conventional power of attorney (terminates upon the incapacitation of the principal). It also discusses durable power of attorney for health care and directive to physician. They also provide sample forms for those wanting to prepare their own.▼

Tenant's Rights

***Tenants' Rights*; Myron Moskovitz and Ralph Warner; Nolo Press; $15.95.**

The book is a comprehensive guide for the California renter.

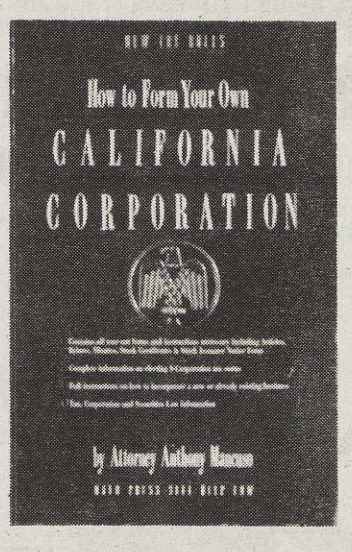
There is general information and things to consider before signing the rental agreement. It covers a wide range of problems with the landlord--discrimination, right to privacy, repairs, and injuries. There is a discussion of evictions--procedure and remedies. It is a helpful guide for everyone from the person renting his first apartment to the longtime renter and even for the landlord.▼



Adoption

***How to Adopt Your Stepchild in California*; Frank Zagone and Mary Randolph; Nolo Press; $19.95.**

The book is specifically directed toward the stepparent wishing to adopt his/her stepchild. The various adoption proceedings discussed cover only this situation. The book does not present any issues facing the same sex couple wishing to adopt even if one of the partners is the natural parent of the child.▼



Incorporation

***How to Form Your Own California Corporation*; Anthony Mancuso, edited by Ralph Warner; Nolo Press; $29.95.**

A self-help book for the person wanting to incorporate his business. It discusses the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating, the different types of corporations, securities laws, and taxation. collectively Americans owe $3 trillion, the average balance on credit cards is $1,300, and nearly 5% of homeowners are behind on their mortgages. Almost everyone at some point has faced financial difficulties. The book offers helpful advice about how to handle your financial problems.

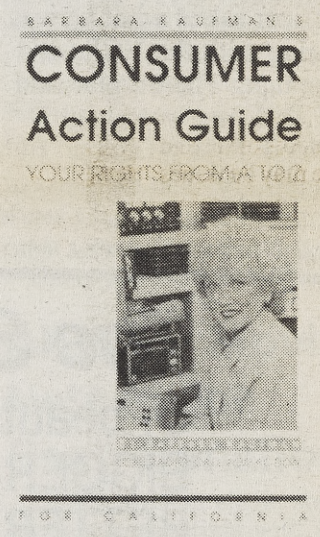
There is a discussion of negotiating with your creditors. Communicate with the creditor, explain your situation and try to work out a different payment plan; the consequences of ignoring the creditor; explaining your rights when the bill collector starts calling; what happens when the creditor brings a lawsuit against you, including the statute of limitations for the creditor to file and enforcement of a judgement against you. And finally, as discussion of bankruptcy.

There is also a discussion of your credit rating and how to rebuild your credit. The book covers the most common financial problem areas--credit cards, loans, student loans, child support and Federal income taxes. The book offers practical advice and may help reduce the stress and anxiety of someone facing financial problems.▼

Consumerism

***Consumer Action Guide*; Your Rights from A to Z; Barbara Kaufman; Nolo Press; $14.95.**

This book is specifically for California consumers and is best summed up by the author's introduction: "to help consumers find out what to do and/or where to go, I've divided this book into approximately 200 topics, organized alphabetically from A to Z, with obvious headings such as Airlines, Credit Cards and Insurance. Each entry covers basic information, including your legal rights, as well as what help may be available from government and private organizations with relevant addresses and phone numbers." Definitely a handy and valuable reference guide.▼



Simple Contracts

***Simple Contracts for Personal Use*; Stephen Elias and Marcia Stewart; Nolo Press; $16.95.**

The book discusses and provides sample forms for common situations in which people may want to have a contract. The general areas covered are: promissory notes, bills of sale, storage of goods (including boarding of animals), releases (releasing from liability for damages), home repair and maintenance, and in-home child care and household help.▼

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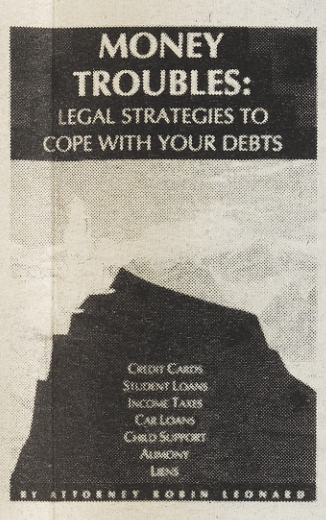

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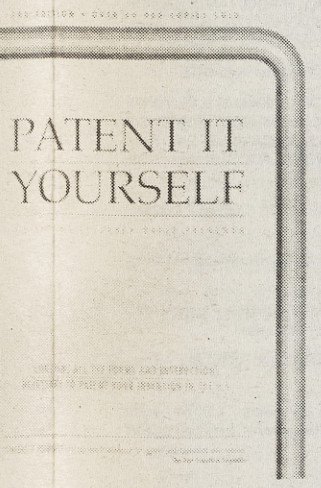

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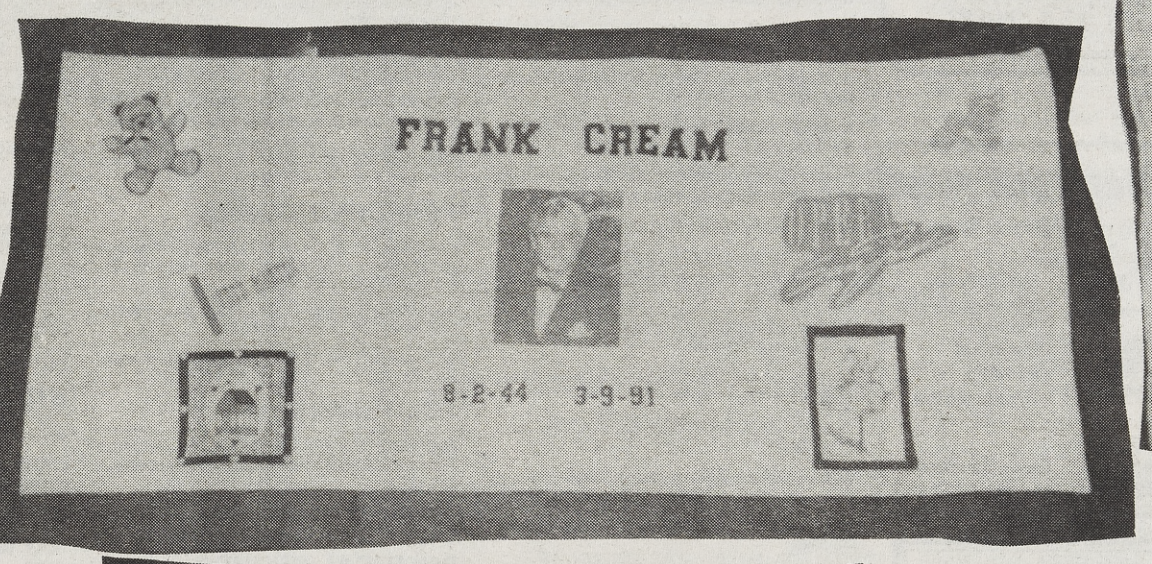

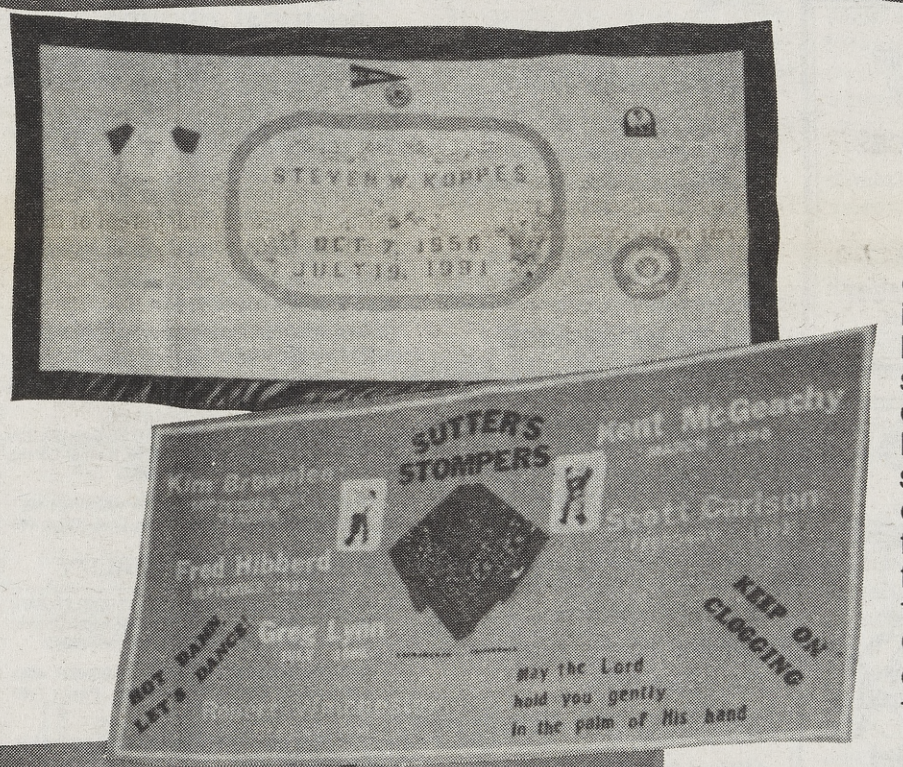

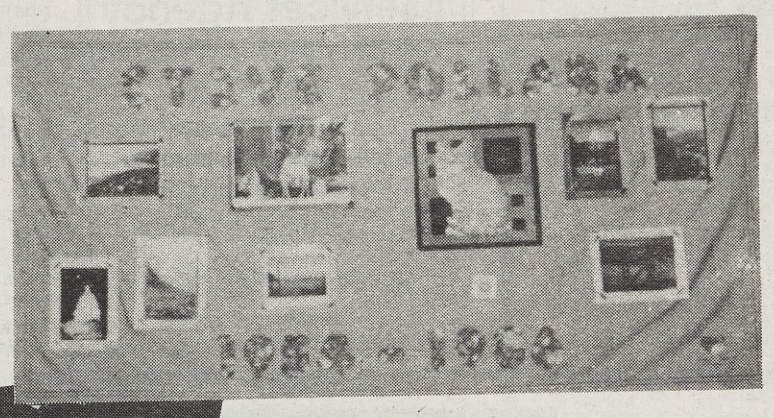

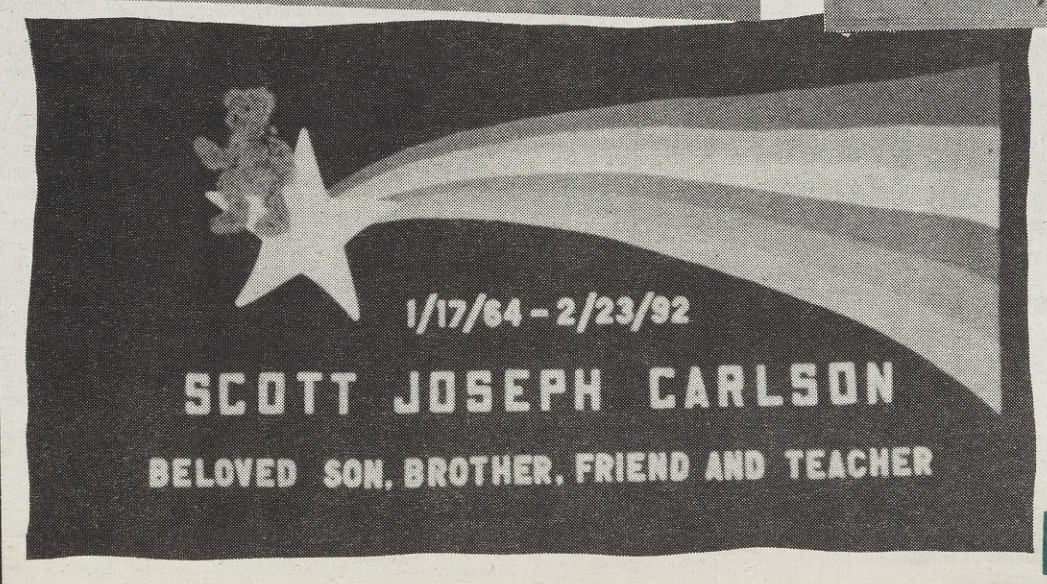

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LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER, 1935 L St., 442-0185.

LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT, 6212 Silverton Way, Carm. 95608, 965-6851.

CA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW), 926 J St., 95814, 442-3414.

SAC NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW), P.O. Box 1404, 95812, 443-3470.

QUEER NATION, 1st & 3rd Mon. 8pm, 863-2518 ext. 3030.

SAC AREA COALITION FOR OUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS (SACORR) Box 19261, 95819, 763-7705.

SAC GAY/LESBIAN TOWN COUNCIL, Box 161536, 95816, 863-3020/448-0422.

STONEWALL ALLIANCE OF CHICO, Box 8855, Chico 95927, Eric 916-343-8767.

TWIN SPIRIT VETERANS OF SAC, 5500 Alcott Drive, 383-0940.

ADDICTION RECOVERY

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS, RCMCC, 34th & Broadway, (Second Floor) Sat., 12:30pm.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS, Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., Sun., 4:30pm.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, RCMCC, 34th & Broadway, Daily, 8pm, 454-4762.

AL-ANON, RCMCC, 34th & Broadway, Wed., 6pm, 454-4762.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, 448-2951.

CODA, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Thurs., 7pm.

CO-DEPENDENTS OF ALCOHOLICS, Friends Comm. Church (Basement), 40th and E St., Mon., 8pm, 454-3135.

INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS, Male or Female Meeting, 756-8181.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Lambda Center, 1931 L St. (Second Floor), Fri., 8pm.

OBESITY TREATMENT CTR., Seminar, Wed., 6pm, 925-0300.

SEX & LOVE ADDICTS ANON., St. Francis Church Social Hall, 26th & K, Thur., 7:30 - 9pm, 447-5328.

STOP SMOKING, CARES Clinic, 2710 Capital Ave., 443-3299.

THE EFFORT, Outpatient Counseling Clinic, 1820 J St., Mon. - Thu., 9am-8pm Fri., 9am-6pm, 444-6294.

COMPUTER GROUPS

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PEGASUS, 444-3871, 24 S1.

VENUS, 967-9357 F.O.

AWOL, 961-2896 F.O.

CULTURAL GROUPS

DAVIS WOMENS READING CIRCLE, Christine, 758-2875, 4th Thu.

LATINOS ORGANIZED FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS IN SAC, 863-2518, x2171.

LOCAL ARTISTS FOR CHARITY EVENTS (LACE) Box 732, Akili Jaye, 442-3734 x732.

DISCRIMINATION

HUMAN RIGHTS COMM., 2131 Capitol Ave. #206, 95816, 4th Wed., 6:30pm City Hall, 444-6903.

EVENT GROUPS

LAMBDA FREEDOM FAIR COMM., 442-0185.

GAY CENTER

LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER, 1931 L St., 95814, 442-0185.

HIV+ / AIDS

AIDS RESPONSE FOUNDATION, Franklin Kakies, 442-0185.

ANONYMOUS TESTING FOR HIV, Capitol Health Center, 1500 C St., Wed., Thurs., 8am - 5pm, 440-7720.

CARES, 2710 Capital Ave., 95816 443-3299.

CA OFFICE OF AIDS, Box 942732, 94234-7320, 445-0553.

CONFIDENTIAL TESTING AND DRUG TREATMENT, The Effort, 446-6467, 444-6294.

EL DORADO AIDS TASK FORCE Box 547, Placer., 95667, 4th Mon., 7pm, Security Bank Annex, Dick Wright, 916-676-4029.

THE POSITIVE GROUP HIV+ USER SUPPORT GROUP, Thu. 10am, 1820 J St., 444-6996.

RIVER CITY MCC CHURCH, 34th & Broadway, 454-4762.

FOOD EXCHANGE, 3rd Sat., 448-2437, 454-4762.

SAC AIDS FOUNDATION, 920 20th St., 2nd Fl., 448-AIDS.

SAN JOAQUIN AIDS FOUND., 4410 N. Pershing Ave. #C-4, Stockton 95207, 209-476-8533.

SELF HELP AIDS RESEARCH EDUCATION (SHARE), HIV Community Support Group Sponsored by Kaiser Hospital South Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 688-2755.

SIERRA AIDS COUNCIL Box 1062, Sonora 95370, 209-533-2873.

SIERRA FOOTHILL AIDS FOUND., 12183 Locksley Ln. #205, Auburn 95603, 916-889-AIDS.

THE OTHER GROUP (heterosexuals with AIDS), 1813 O St., #6, 2nd, 4th Tue., 6:30pm, 447-5316.

YOLO HOSPICE, 132 E St #3E, Davis 95617, Box 1014, Davis 95616 Barbara 758-5566, 372-5863.

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP, 1st & 3rd Wed, Beuhler Building, 29th & L St., 7:30pm.

HOBBIES

BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB, Sac., Delta, San Francisco Bay, 408-448-1062, 916-972-9317.

VALLEY GIRLS CAR CLUB John Sturla, 381-0789.

HOTLINES

NAT'L AIDS / HIV HOTLINE, 800-342-AIDS.; HEARING IMPAIRED, 800-AIDS TTY; SPANISH AIDS / HIV+, 800-344-7432, SIDA.

CA. YOUTH CRISIS LINE, 800-843-5200.

DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE, 264-5566.

SACORR HOTLINE, 763-7705.

MEDIA

BEING GAY TODAY, Cable Channel 18, Tue. 10pm, Thu. 9pm, Ron Hatch, 392-7025.

GLAAD, 514 Castro St. #B, S.F., 94114, 415-861-4588, 408-235-0229, 510-273-9146.

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MGW NEWSPAPER 1725 L St., 95814, 9am - 5pm weekdays, 441-NEWS.

NANCY AT NITE, women's music, culture, issues. Cable radio KCBL 88.7, every other Mon., 10pm, 456-8600.

PARENTS / FAMILY

GAY FATHERS OF SAC., Box 163672, 95816, 2nd Sun., 456-3237.

LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP, Sharon 457-5830, Julise, 455-5714.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG), 2391 St Marks Way, Box 2163, W. Sac., 95691, 3rd Tue., 7:30pm Merrill Fallensbee, 665-1050; Box 8003, Woodland 95695, 2nd Mon., 7:30pm, Woodland Pub. Lib., 666-1245.

PERFORMING ARTS

CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB, Theodore Judah School, McKinley Blvd. nr. 39th St., Tue.,6:30pm, George, 447-2271.

SACRAMENTO MENS CHORUS, Box 188726, 95818-8726, Al Jensen,444-5213.

SACRAMENTO WOMENS CHORUS, Mon., 6:30pm, Gini, 424-4411.

POLITICIANS

ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL ISENBERG, 10th Dist., 1215 15th St., #102, 95814, Alison Harvey/Petrina Ilcaiello, 324-4676.

ASSEMBLYMEN LLOYD CONNELLY, 6th Dist., 2705 K Street #6, 95814, Pat MacDonald 443-1183.

POLITICAL GROUPS

CALIFORNIA CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (CAPPAC), 1008 10th St., #225, 95814, 1st Thu. 1329 H St.. 6pm., 736-2722.

LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND EQUALITY (LIFE), 926 J St. #1020, 95814, 444-0424.

RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB (RCDC) Box 161958, 95816 3rd Mon., 6:30pm Sierra 2 Ctr., 24th St. & 4th Ave., Katie, 451-1970, Mike, 448-2383.

PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

GAY /LESBIAN UNIV. OF CA. EMPLOYEES (GLUE), John Bennett, 762-5332.

RAINBOW REAL ESTATE CO., 1st Tue., 11:30am, Shakers, 921-6642.

SACRAMENTO TRADESWOMEN, 2nd Fri., 456-5555.

SACRAMENTO AREA GAY AND LESBIAN EDUCATORS, Box 2712, Elk Grove 95759, Norman Lorenz, 682-8948, Frank Lawler, 485-7960.

SACRAMENTO AREA CAREER WOMENS NETWORK (SACWN), 3rd Fri., 6:30pm, Linda Killick, 486-8985.

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

AFFIRMATION UNITED METHODIST FOR LESBIAN/GAY CONCERNS, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 1st Mon., 7pm, 489-2340.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER, 4641 Marconi Ave., 95825. Sun., 10:15am, Pastor Todd Van Laningham, 483-5691.

CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC LESBIANS, Kathleen, 362-4133.

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV, 220 Danvers St., S. F. 94114, 415-861-6932.

COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS (CUUP), Davis Unitarian Universalist Church, 27074 Patwin Road, Davis 95616, 2nd Sun., 7:30pm 758-7727.

DIGNITY AT ST FRANCIS CHAPEL, 26th and K St., Box 162765, 95816, 2nd, 4th Sun., 5pm, 552--1925.

FRIENDS MTG. OF SAC. (QUAKERS), 450 W. El Camino, nr. Northgate, Sun., 10am., 452-9317.

KOININIA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Box 189444, 95818, 452-5736.

RESTORATION CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST (RCJC), 2331 K St, Sun. School, 1:30PM; Sac. Mtg., 2:30pm, 444-8291.

RIVER CITY MCC, 3418 Broadway, Box 245125, 95824, Sun. 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm, TV Ministry, Cable Channel 17, Sun. 6:30pm, Mon. 1:30pm, Tues. 8:30am.

SAC GAY/LESBIAN INTERFAITH COALITION, RCMCC, 1st Tue., 6pm, 452-1505.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO, 2424 Sierra Blvd, 95825, Sun., 11am, Rev. Young, 483-9283.

SOCIAL GROUPS

ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION FOR WOMEN IN THE VALLEY, 2nd, 3rd Tue., 7pm, Anderson Y, 209-941-2955.

BLACK MEN'S XCHANGE, 487-0439.

CGNIE, Box 160636, 95816 1st Tue., 447-0345, 927-9540.

EL DORADO WOMENS CENTER, 3133 Gilmore St., Placer. 95667, 626-1450, Hotline, 626-1191.

FACE THE MUSIC, KZFR 90.1 FM, Thu., 7:30pm.

FLAGS (FOOTHILL LESBIAN/GAY POTLUCK), Box 4982, Auburn 95604, 2nd Sat., 4th Wed.

FOOTHILLS ALTERNATIVE WOMENS NEWSLETTER (FAWN), 265-9312.

IF THE SHOE FITS (EL DORADO LESBIAN / GAY NETWORK), Box 2215, Pville., 95667, 622-7289.

LAVENDER ANGELS, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 1931 L St., 442-4741.

NUDE EXCHANGE (NTE), Box 1624, N. Highlands 95660.

PILLARS, 2nd Fri., 6:30pm, 331-3602.

SAC. AREA WOMEN'S NETWORK (SACWN), 3rd Fri., 6:30pm, Linda Kellick: 486-8985.

SACRAMENTO WOMENS CENTER, 2306 J St. #200, 95816, 441-4207.

SACRAMENTO LEATHER ASSOC., Wreck Room, 1st Tue., 7pm, Calvin Lindberg, 447-3963.

SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFO. LINE (WOMEN PREFERRING WOMEN), Box 9, Vacaville 95696 Kathy, 707-448-1010.

WOMENS RAP GROUPS AND SOCIAL, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 95814, Mon., 7pm, 381-5569.

YWCA, 1122 17th St., 95814, 442-4741.

SPORTS

CAMPING WOMEN, Box 13261, 95813, Gail, 689-9326, 662-0460.

GAY GAMES, Box 202, New York 10036, 212-732-3612, 718-857-1793.

GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOC., Box 14398, S. F. 94114-0398, Hotline, 415-985-5200.

OUTDOORS ADVENTURES (OAS), Box 231113, 95823 1st Wed., 421-6209.

RIVER CITY BILLIARDS LEAGUE, Tue., 6:30pm, Ken, 372-9303.

RIVER CITY BOWLERS, Sun., 6pm, Lanpark Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., Paul, 927-5431.

SACRAMENTO ARTS AND GAMES ASSOCIATION (SAGA), Lisa, 369-0975, Tom 635-1535.

SAGA, Net Rush-Tennis Group, Nancy, 481-9618.

SACRAMENTO HEATWAVES GAY/ LESBIAN SWIMMERS, David Lyons, 448-5965.

SAC. CITY RUGGERS (WOMEN), Tue. & Sat., Bambi: 923-9327.

VOLLEYBALL, Darrell Rice, 442-4641.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL, Kristie Hardy, 922-5338.

STUDENTS

BISEXUALS/GAYS\LESBIANS AT DAVIS, 753-4429.

CSUS WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, 6000 J St., 95819, 278-7388.

DELTA LAMBDA PHI, CSUS, 278-6595.

GLAS, Stud. Act. Box 33, 6000 J St., 95819, 278-6595.

GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL ACTION LEAGUE (GLOBAL), Stu. Act. Box 209, UC-D, Davis 95616.

GAY/LESBIAN CONSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE ASSOC., 689-7059, 682-1860.

GAYS AND LESBIANS AT ARC., Tues. 11am, 484-8340.

MENS COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Comm. Ctr., 1931 L St., Mon., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

SUPPORT GROUPS

LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP, Sharon 457-5830, Julise, 455-5714.

BROTHER TO BROTHER, African American Gay/Bisexual HIV + / ARCS or AIDS, Mon., 7 pm , 3501 Broadway, 454-0516, 441-0949.
FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUAL, Box 661895, 95866, Jamie.

GAY FATHERS OF SACRAMENTO, Box 163672, 95816.

HIV+ / AIDS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 4641 Marconi Ave., 1st & 3rd Thu., 7pm, 483-5691.

HIV+ LATINOS SUPPORT GROUP, 920 21st St., 95814, 6pm, Gloria Avalos, 448-2437.

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP, 1st & 3rd Wed., Beuhler Bldg, 2800 L St. (29th St. Entrance), 448-AIDS.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARTNERS OF INCEST/MOLEST SURVIVORS, 1701 H St., Maureen, 722-4570.

MOTHERS ONLY, SAF, Francis: 646-6122

PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS (P-FLAG), SAC: 3rd Tue, 7:30pm, 665-1050; CHICO: 3rd Sun., 1pm, 916-891-5718; VACAVILLE: 2nd Tue., 7:30pm, 707-437-4753; WOODLAND: 2nd Mon., 7:30, 666-1245.

PET LOSS CLINIC, UCD, M-F, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, Hotline, 752-4200.

RCMCC COUNSELING CTR., Dr. Hazel Fielding, 454-4762.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARTNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, 1900 22nd St., Mon. 6pm.

WOMEN WITH HIV+, SAF, 920 20th St., Thu., 12:15pm.

GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GP., Mon., 6:30pm, John Linder, ASW #221 (Intern to Kathryn Campbell, LCSW #10062), 446-3734.

WOMEN

WOMENS HEALTH LINE, Sutter Health Info. Center, 733-3000.

SACRAMENTO CAREER WOMENS NETWORK (SACWN) Linda Killick, 486-8985

SACRAMENTO LESBIANS CREATING CHANGE (SLCC), Box 160532, 95816, 863-3020, Op. #1, MB #4.

SAC. WOMEN'S CENTER, 2306 J St. #200, 95816, 441-4207.

WOMEN'S HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP, 12:15pm, 448-2437.

YOUTH

GAY AREA YOUTH SWITCHBOARD, Box 846, S. F. 94101, 415-386-GAYS.

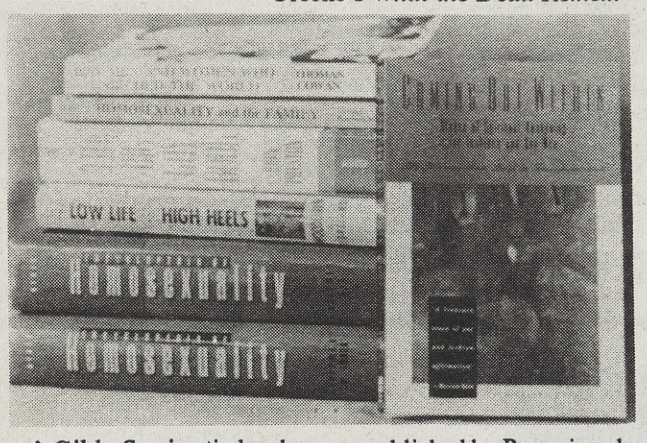
RIVER CITY MCC YOUTH GROUP, Box 245125, 95824, MCC Social Hall, 3418 Broadway, Wed., 7pm, 454-4762.

YOUTH GROUP Lambda Comm. Ctr, 1935 L St., Fri., 5:45pm, 442-0185.

Lambda Literary Awards Winners Announced

The 4th Annual Lambda Literary Awards banquet provided convincing proof of the increasing diversity of the gay and lesbian movement.

This year had a double winner in Jewell Gomez, who traces her heritage to African-American roots. Gomez' *Gilda Stories* tied for best Lesbian Fiction and won in the Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy category. Also claiming first places were *The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets* (ed., Assoto Saint), in the Gay Men's Poetry category; *Chicana Lesbians* (Carla Trujillo, ed.), in the Lesbian Anthologies; and *Brother To Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men* (Essex Hemphill), in the Gay Men's Anthologies category. Two other winners further demonstrated the interest in gay cultural diversity: Will Roscoe's *Zuni Man-Woman,* Gay Men's Non-Fiction, studies the life of "We'wha," a native American *berdache* or shaman who dressed in women's clothing; and Small Press winner *Gay Roots* (Winston Leyland, ed.), a wide-ranging collection of works from San Francisco's Gay Sunshine Press, which includes essays and stories on gay male life in practically every corner of the planet.



In a sign that gay and lesbian life isn't limited to the urban centers of New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, two native South Carolinians (who now live elsewhere) claimed the prize for Lesbian and Gay Fiction: Blanche Boyd, whose *The Revolution of Little Girls* tied with *The Gilda Stories* for best Lesbian Fiction, and Harlan Greene, whose Gay Men's Fiction Winner, *What the Dead Remember,* is a poetic, atmospheric account of a gay man coming of age in Charleston, South Carolina.

Independent lesbian and gay presses picked up most of the awards, with Firebrand Books, Naiad Press and Alyson Publications each taking home two. Among the mainstream houses, Penguin USA can put three "Lammys" on their shelves: Gay Men's Mystery went to Joseph Hansen's farewell Dave Brandstetter novel, *A Country of Old Men,* and the Humor category found Joe Keenan's *Putting on the Ritz* on top, both published by Viking, while Harlan Greene's *What the Dead Remember* was published by Penguin subsidiary Dutton.

As in previous years, the Lammys played host to the Ferro-Grumley Awards, the Bill Whitehead Award, and the Gregory Kolovakos Awards for AIDS Writing. Adrienne Rich, recipient of the Whitehead Award for Lifetime Achievement and of the 1992 Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Poetry for *Atlas of the Difficult World*, delivers the annual Whitehead Lecture on the "State of the Union" of gay and lesbian writing and publishing. The Ferro-Grumley awards for best gay male and best lesbian fiction of the year, which carry a $1000 cash prize each, went to Blanche Boyd for *Revolution of Little Girls* and Melvin Dixon for *Vanishing Rooms,* a poetic, searing novel tracing the consequences of a gay bashing in New York's Greenwich Village. The Kolovakos Award was given to the late French writer Herve Guibert for *To the Friend Who Did Not Save My Life.*

Approximately 350 people attended the black tie banquet, held in the ballroom of the Anaheim Hilton. Comedienne Kate Clinton hosted the banquet, sparing no one from her sharp wit. The pre-banquet reception was hosted by *The Advocate,* the national gay and lesbian news magazine.

Talking at the Gates

by Tobias Maxwell
OF MGW STAFF

Talking at the Gates, A Life of James Baldwin, by James Campbell, Penguin Books, 1991, 306 pages, $10 paperback.

In our present era, when Coming Out Day has become nothing less than a worldwide celebration amongst our ranks, a day of political correctness to flourish, an opportunity to be part of and to identify with "a group" - James Baldwin would have surely passed on this type of event, considering it less an opportunity than a burden. It is more probable that he would have frowned at the very prospect, the very need to align one's self with a sexual orientation, to join the party so to speak. His jazz, he wold have you believe, was altogether of another beat.

Yet one has only to read James Campbell's biography Talking at the Gates, a Life of James Baldwin, and any other biographical source to see that James Baldwin was not one to deny his sexuality or his sexual orientation. Quite the contrary, his published material spoke openly of homosexual love and sex. I use the term homosexual in deference to M. Baldwin, since "gay" appears to have had an altogether different connotation for him. When asked in a 1984 interview in the *Village Voice* on the subject of gayness, Baldwin said "Well, you see, my life has not been like that at all. The people who were my lovers were never, well, the word gay wouldn't have meant anything to them."

This is congruent with Baldwin's identity as a black man and a writer. Campbell writes that Baldwin "insisted on seeing himself as an American writer." (p. 130) He further stated that "Baldwin's philosophy was tending towards blackness, but his temperament and his nature were rainbow-coloured." (p. 190) This is rather ironical considering the importance the media attached to Baldwin's opinion on anything that had to do with the Black Movement in the decade between the late 50's and the late 60's.

Campbell does excellent work with the task of presenting James Baldwin's life, neither over glorifying nor laboring over the more prurient aspects of what was a full and adventurous life. He gives us insight into the growth and decline of a famous writer.

This book is a must read and deserves a place in your personal library with other gay writers and literature. James Baldwin's material forged a place for us in the sun, and he should rightly be considered one of our forefathers in our liberation movement. Baldwin would argue this perhaps on a literal basis, but certainly not on a figurative level. His sexuality was often held against him like so many other gay men, (Martin Luther King supposedly felt Baldwin's open homosexuality was a liability to his cause.) That Baldwin triumphed, living the life he wanted for himself, bridging the gap between straight, gay, white, black and succeeded in carrying forward a freedom of spirit all his own - for this alone James Baldwin deserves praise and a place in the annals of gay pride.▼

In Every Port

by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

***In Every Port* by Karin Kallamker, The Naiad Press, P.O. Box 15043, Tallahassee, FL 32302 1989, 217 pages, $8.95.**

Turn back the pages of time to 1978, the days of Harvey Milk and the beginning the San Francisco's gay community as we know it today. Enter Jessica, a high powered prestigious career woman who has it all. A new condo, new clientele for her business, lots of money and a woman in every city she visits. Pretty good set for a woman who won't even consider a fact that she may be a lesbian.

Combine this with a free spirited straight woman neighbor who has recently broken up with he macho boyfriend and you have the makings of an interesting and slightly provocative storyline.

In Every Port falls short in many areas. I admit that is was enjoyable peeking in while Jessica's emotions fought with themselves, sort of like watching the "Herman's Head" TV sitcom on channel 40, but it's shallowness gets a wee bit boring. While having women available at your beck and call with no commitments may sound fun, it proves to be very lonely.

I appreciate Karin Kallmaker's valiant attempt at presenting as her bookcover states, a "sexy page-turner of a novel". But more importantly I commend her for her "thought provoking look at the times of Harvey Milk" and for this alone I would suggest you read *In Every Port* and make your own decisions.▼

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Academy of Friends Hosts *Some Like It Hot* AIDS Benefit

Academy of Friends, the San Francisco non-profit organization known for its spectacular Oscar Night Gala and other events which raise funds for local AIDS charities, presents a benefit screening of Marilyn Monroe's classic comedy *Some Like It Hot*. Wednesday, August 1 at Kabuki Cinema, 1881 Post at Filmore.

Beginning with the screening at 8 p.m. the evening will include complimentary popcorn, soft drinks, a post-film reception courtesy of the Williecake and Ty Nant Spring Water, and a special appearance by Miss Monroe herself.

Tickets are $10, available in advance at Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro, and that evening at the Kabuki. Advance ticket holders will get priority seating. Donated by Kabuki Cinemas, the entire ticket cost will benefit AOF's Charities Fund for AIDS Relief.

The AOF Charities Fund makes grants twice a year to AIDS/HIV related service agencies with annual budgets of $500,000 or less, for specific projects. Recently, four grants were made to Visual Aid ($1,500), Kairos Support For Caregivers ($2,000), Most Holy Redeemer Support Group ($2,500) and Gay/Lesbian Youth Support Services HIV Information Project, sponsored by the San Francisco Unified School District ($1,500).

Founded in 1980 as a small, private Oscar Night Party, Academy of Friends has grown to become one of the City's largest contributors to local AIDS service organizations. Its annual Oscar Night Gala, a formal black-tie event complete with live entertainment plus big screen broadcast of the Academy Awards, has become a social fete on par with the opening of Opera Season and the Black and White Ball. In its 11 year history, AOF has given over $550,000 to local AIDS/HIV organizations. The Oscar NIGHT Gala, 100 percent underwritten by local corporate and individual support, is the second largest Oscar Night Gala in the world, surpassed only by the official festivities in Hollywood. This year's Gala turned over $100,000 to local AIDS organizations.

For information, call 415-252-0713.▼

Finally...A Gay Traffic School

The California Legislature passed a law that states that if you receive a moving violation and want to attend traffic school, you now must pay your full bail amount, a court administration fee (which varies from $22 - $24), along with the traffic school fee.

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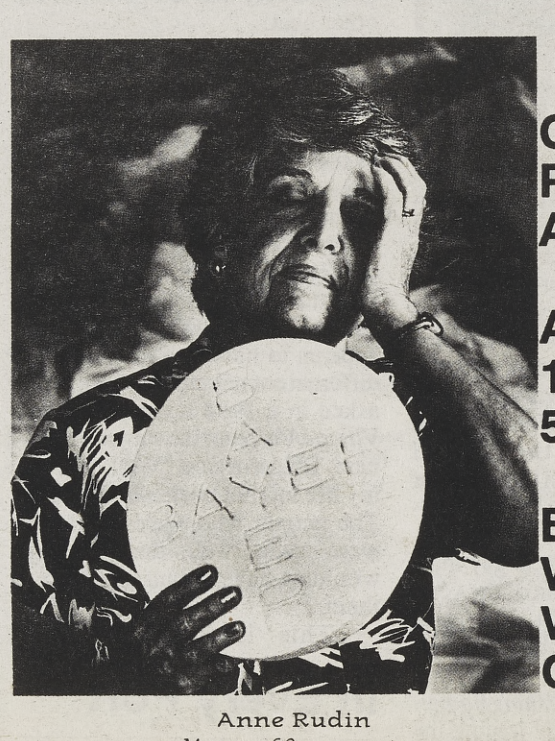

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Drummer Contests Scheduled

The Cable Car Chapter of the Knights of Malta has announced that they are the Sponsors of the 1992 Northern California Drummer and Drummerboy Contest.

The Drummerboy Contest is to be held at the San Francisco Eagle on Friday, August 14 as a beer bust. The doors will open at 8 p.m. The cost of beer or soda bust as $8 and includes munchies. Door prizes and a special raffle are planned.

Saturday, August 15, the Northern California Drummer Contest will take place at Colossus, 1015 Folsom St., S.F. The doors will open at 3 p.m., the contest starts at 3:30 p.m. The cost is $12 standing and $13 seated, at the door or in advance. All locations of Mr. S leather will have tickets available as will the Knights. Both events are to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund and Project Open Hand.

The Cable Car Chapter is also looking for contestants for each contest. If you are interested, contact Chris Head at 415-621-8635 between 6 and 10 p.m. or write to The Knights of Malta, Cable Car Chapter, 584 Castro Street, Suite 274, S.F. CA 94114-2588.▼

Out in America

by Renee' Vorhies
OF MGW STAFF

Network Q, The Alternative News and Entertainment Network, has scheduled a portion of its monthly two hour programming to individuals of the gay communities that have "come out." Accordingly, the segment is called Out In America and will feature gays and lesbians from various regions of the country.

Network Q president, David Surber, who came out a little over seven months ago is hoping that Out in America will have a positive affect on its viewers. Surber states that "with a distribution as large as ours, we hope to trickle into the straight community and hopefully introduce some new people to the reality of the situation, which is that most likely everyone knows someone who is queer."▼

Local Academy Changes Name and Expands Program

To more accurately reflect an expanded program, Manor Fashion Academy has changed its name to the California Academy of Merchandising, art and Design.

"We changed our name to position us for growth," said Administrator Linda Weldon. The academy currently offers an Associate Degree in Merchandising with an emphasis in either Visual and Display, Management, or Fashion. In the spring, the school will add classes for students interested in art and design.

"We want to start the art and design programs when we have the best curriculum and components," said Weldon. Classes at the academy are taught by working professionals.

The school has been operating since 1982. It became fully accredited in 1985. For information, call the California Academy at 916-649-8168.▼

Dreams Concert To Benefit Gay Games IV

"Dreams: Toward the Next Rainbow" a music concert to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Lesbian and Gay Bands of America and the 10th anniversary of the first gay games, will be held at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium (Polk and Grove Streets), on Sunday, September 6.

The concert will benefit the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts and Gay Games IV. The joint conferences of Lesbian and Gay Bands of America and the Federation of Gay Games, the largest gathering of lesbian and gay musicians and athletes, will include lectures and workshops throughout the weekend. It will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Ave on September 5 and 6.

"Dreams: Toward The Next Rainbow," is the centerpiece of the semi-annual LGBA National Conference and the Federation of Gay Games. The concert will feature 250 musicians representing 22 bands from across the United States and representatives from over 90 sports teams from across America.

The concert will also feature music composed by gay and lesbian composers and "Deuce," a lesbian jazz fusion duo. The grand finale will be Tchakovsky's "Symphony #5" and an encore of "Stars ans Stripes Forever" complete with fireworks.

On September 5, 1982, the curtain came down on the first Gay Games, a watershed event with 1,300 athletes competing in 14 sports. Among those groups that added cultural luster to the Games were the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps and the Great American Yankee Freedom Band of Los Angeles. With the exciting conclusion of Gay Games I in San Francisco's Kezar Stadium, the dream of Dr. Tom Waddell, founder of Gay Games, had come true.

Less than one month later, on October 3, 1982, the first-ever meeting of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) was convened in Chicago. Represented at this organization's birth were community bands from eight cities: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Washington D.C., Houston, Dallas and Minneapolis. With the inaugral meeting, the dream of Jon Sims, founder of the United States gay/lesbian music movement had come true.

Although Dr. Tom Waddell and Jon Sims have both succombed to AIDS, their dreams live on to this day. Gay Games has grown to become an international phenomenon, the largest sporting event in the world, with a six-fold increase in participation since 1982. LGBA has also thrived, now proudly representing 22 bands across America and Canada.▼

CBS News Highlights Lesbian and Gay Support for Clinton

The CBS Evening News on Sunday, June 28, highlighted the growing involvement of the lesbian and gay community in the presidential campaign of Governor Bill Clinton.

Lynn Greer, National Co-Chair of the Lesbian and Gay Victory Fund and Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, were featured in the report, which included an excerpt from a widely praised speech Clinton gave last month to lesbian and gay activists in Los Angeles.

The broadcast was linked to Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations which were held in New York City and San Francisco on June 28. CBS reporter Rita Braver noted that "gays and lesbians are more politically active than ever this election year and the candidates are paying attention. This year more than a hundred openly gay and lesbian delegates will attend the Democratic National Convention."

The videotape of Clinton's address at a gay fundraiser in Los Angeles last month is now a feature attraction at similar events across the country. Gay and lesbian activists are campaigning hard for the candidate they say supports their agenda on AIDS and other issues."▼

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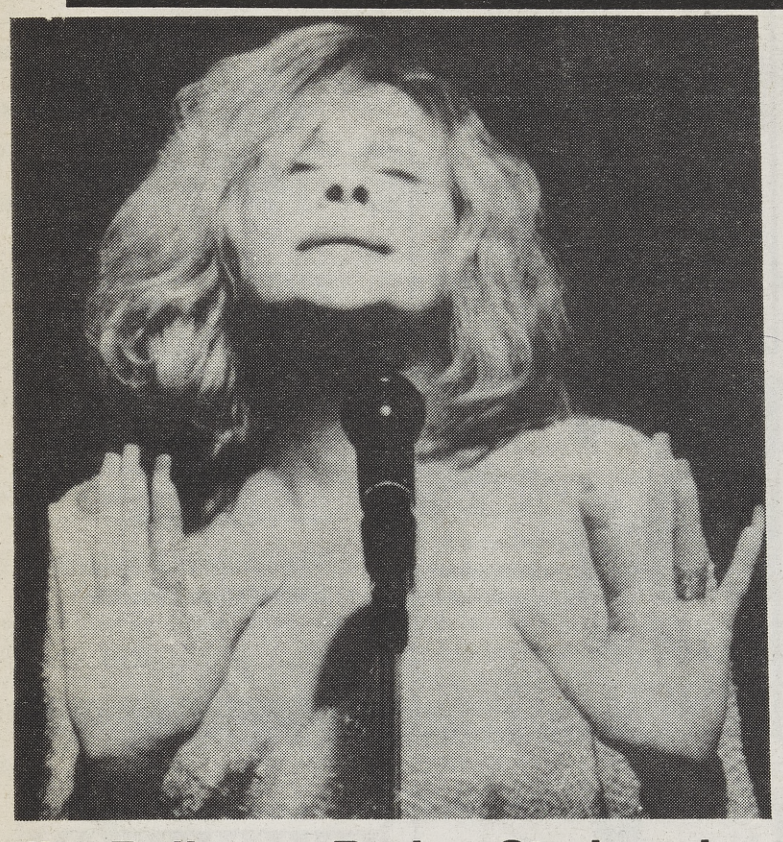


Jim Bailey as Barbra Streisand

Reviewed by Nancy Flagg OF MGW STAFF

Jim Bailey recently performed his impersonation of Barbra Streisand at Garbeau's. Having never seen Bailey before, I was impressed with his talent as a singer and as an impersonator, but disappointed in the show. Bailey entered the stage wearing a long, purple gown and sporting shoulder length Barbra-style hair. His hand and facial mannerisms were true to Stresand's and his voice every bit as strong and versatile as hers. My disappointment was mostly due to the highly "produced" feel to the show, as if every word and every move had been choreographed in extensive detail and performed so many times that all spark and spontaneity was long since gone. Never once was I able to suspend my disbelief and imagine I was really watching Barbra.

Bailey's movements seemed stiff; I kept being reminded of the Mr. Lincoln exhibit at Disneyland. You know the one; Mr. Lincoln is an android, a precursor to Star Wars' C-3PO, who looks and moves and talks like a live Lincoln but can't quite overcome the awkward robot moves.

"Barbra performed a mix of old and new hits, including *Someone to Hold On To* and *Don't Rain On My Parade*. These two numbers drew the most enthusiastic audience responses of the evening because it was in these numbers that Babs was her most expressive, both vocally and physically.

I have heard excellent reviews in the past about Jim Bailey, so perhaps this show was not representative of his normal work. However, this particular one lacked energy and, frankly, I was glad when the hour-and-a-quarter program was over.▼

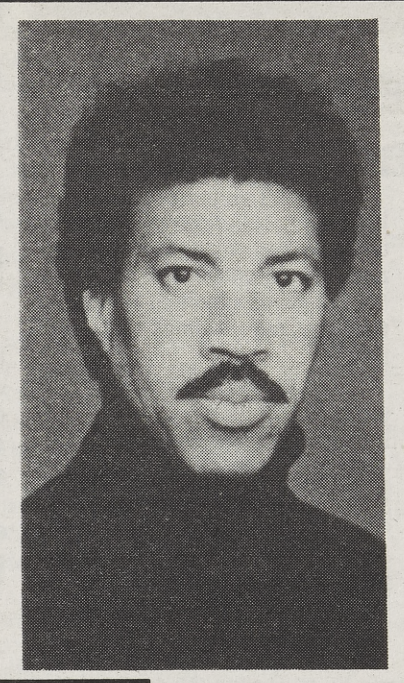
Back To Front

Reviewed by Nancy Flagg of MGW Staff

***Back To Front*, Lionel Richie, 1992, Motown Record Company**

I never realized how many great songs Lionel Richie recorded until I listened to this retrospective album. The album has 11 Number One Hits, such as "Sail On," "Endless Love" and "Still."

In addition, Lionel had three new songs; a rhythm and blues number, a Motown-style song and a love-is-the-answer ballad. The latter, "Love Oh Love' starts slow with just Lionel singing and builds to a moving climax with full chorus. Although Richie's release is his first since 1987, his voice is as sexy and as rich as ever.▼



Thinking Like a Mountain

Libby Roderick, 1991 Libby Roderick Music, Turtle Island Records, Anchorage, Alaska

Thinking Like a Mountain is a very fine folk album. Its topics range from environmental concerns to love and death in *Holy thing to Love* and anti-war sentiments in *Dancing in Front of the Guns*.

While most of the songs are folk-oriented there are several country numbers and a calypso tune. My favorite is *Low to the Ground* which espouses the value of simple things and contains a pretty mandolin solo. An added bonus, the inside jacket features a beautiful photo of snow-capped Mt Denali beneath a red sky.▼

Two Sides

Kimm Rogers, 1992 Island Records, Oil Bird Music Hollywood, CA

Kimm's voice has an unpleasant tendency to go chipmunk-style on the higher notes and otherwise sounds akin to Cyndi Lauper's vocals. I find the little-girl voice grating on the nerves and it's too bad because the music is a lively rock/pop mixture with intelligent lyrics.

There are songs with a social conscience, such as, *Will Work For Food* and other clever numbers with a humorous touch such as "Well I like your love, especially your kisses, but I think it's your turn, to wash the dishes." Or the song about personal ads, "Well there's a SWM with a BA degree. He's not into S&M but he watches MTV."

So, should you buy this one or not? If the warning about the voice doesn't disturb you, then it's a definite go!▼

Toward Home

***Toward Home*, Rhiannon, 1991, Rhiannon Music**

At first, I disliked this tape, but as it progressed, I appreciated it more and ultimately gave it a B-grade. Rhiannon showcases her versatile voice in a variety of styles; from light jazz to gospel to ballads and shares the microphone with Voicestra, Bobby McFerrin's vocal group. Some of the tunes, such as *Young Lovers,* were discordant, in the jazz tradition, and not particularly melodic. *My Song/Blackbird* features Ella-style scatting and ends with an unusual screeching noise simulating a blackbird. I recommend *What Shall We Say*, which has African rhythm and percussion instruments, and the gospel-flavored *Say A Prayer*. If you're tired of the same old rock and folk albums in your collection, *Toward Home* will expand your horizons.

Never Enough

Never Enough
Melissa Etheridge
1992 Island Records, Inc.
New York, NY

Melissa Etheridge's latest album is filled with fiery rock and roll. With her deep raspy voice and 12-string acoustic guitar, she makes hot rock music, whether it be a hard-edged sound or intense ballad.

There are some differences, however, form her two previous releases. Commercialism has crept into the album with Melissa sporting blond hair on the cover and lip gloss, a far cry from her spiked hair and clenched, leather-wrapped arms on the cover of her first album.

More of her songs are ballads on the newest release, plus she has experimented with a techno beat. Still the result is an outpouring of steaming energy. Definitely recommended.

Places In Time

Places In Time
Michael Gettel
1992 Narada Productions, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Michael Gettel's collection of easy listening pieces is a mixed bag in terms of quality.

The piano-based numbers are a cut above many New Age recordings and are just right for listening to as you unwind from your workday. Both The Old House Is Silent and *Zuni Rain fall into this category.*

The synthesizers-based tunes are pleasant enough but are not all that different from other New Age recordings. One especially nice feature is a set of liner notes on the inside cover that describe Michael's inspirations for each piece.

If you are looking for relaxing and peaceful music, this album fits the bill.▼

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Women's Weekend Events Grow

The producers of "Women's Weekend" and the separate "Women's Women's Weekend" have negotiated a combining of the two events to create a larger, more diverse event.

Three years ago, Women's Weekend, the largest women's event in Northern California, had split into two separate, competing events on the same weekend due to political differences between the Woods and Fifes resorts general manager Eric Pariser and Producer Carmen McKay.

Alcohol education, sober support, accessibility and the lack of women of color performers were key issues at the heart of the split. The new combined event will integrate the consciousness and resolve of the issues with the celebration atmosphere that is know at Women's Weekend in order to create unity and representation of the diversity in the women's community.

Women's Weekend and the Women's Women's Weekend attract 6,000 women to the Russian River resort town of Guerneville every year in May and some 3,500 women in September. This September 25 - 27, will be the first production of the two events united.

The event will be held at the Woods and Fifes resorts in Guerneville. The entertainment will include 70's Grammy Award winner Thelma Houston, well known jazz artist Rhiannon, a 9-piece women's salsa band, Redwood Records recording artist Melanie DeMore, and others. Concerts, dancing, swimming, comedy, contests and games are all offered during the three day event.

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Legal Protection For Couples, Part 1

Same Sex Marriages

by Maggie Geddes, Esq.
OF MGW STAFF

"The intended protection (of the family unit) should not rest on fictitious legal distinctions or genetic history, but instead should find its foundation in the reality of family life." Braschi v. Stahl Assoc. Co., 74 N.Y. 2d 201, 211, 543 N.E. 2d 49 (1989) (Homosexual life partner of deceased tenant deemed family for purposes of rent control eviction procedures.)

Same-sex couples cannot marry in the United States. As a result, these partners suffer a legal disadvantage when compared to their heterosexual counterparts. Same-sex couples are denied all the special legal, economic and psychological benefits afforded married couples who enter into a legally sanctioned marriage.

Being denied access to rights and benefits makes the prospect of lesbian and gay marriage seem attractive. In fact, marriage between two same-sex persons is closer than it ever has been before. In response to the desire for marital status, California Assembly member John Burton introduced A.B. 167 two years ago, a bill to amend the marital statutes to allow same-sex partners to enter into a legally enforceable marital relationship. This bill was defeated in committee.

Burton's efforts to redesign marital statutes to include unmarried lesbian and gay partners, while well meaning, was quite arguably shortsighted. In short, many well reasoning lesbians, gays, and legal theorists recognize that the history and structure of the gay marriage institution is oppressive. These critics argue that gay and lesbian marriage would undermine the potential full development of healthy alternative relationships and families.

The goal of this article and the series of articles which follow is to heighten the dialogue about efforts, apart from marriage, to legally protect lesbian, gay, and bisexual family units. These efforts include current existing legal protections and statutes and ordinances designed to legalize our future domestic partnerships.

This series of articles will begin by reviewing the current legal status of same-sex partners in American law, outlining the rights and benefits afforded to heterosexual married couples which same-sex couples cannot receive.

The next articles will describe the legal devices used by same-sex couples to secure protection in lieu of marriage.

These articles will also discuss the Domestic Partner Ordinance and the Domestic Partnership Agreement, a tool used by lesbian/gay couples and families to contract legal protections for their partnership as well as American and European domestic partnership legislative models used to recognize family diversity.

The main point of these articles is that we can design our legal institutions to fully develop and empower our divers families. But, we must first think, talk with each other, and use our collective imagination to design a legal structure which helps, rather than hinders, our communities' and our families growth.▼

Cab Driver Gets 9 Months for Attacking Gay Marchers

A Hollywood man was sentenced to nine months in jail for driving his taxi into a gay-rights demonstration last October and then severely beating two of the marchers with a flashlight.

Richard Edward Silar, 41, was sentenced by Hollywood Municipal Court Judge Frederick N. Wapner as a result of his April 9 conviction of two counts each of

...assault with a deadly weapon...

assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily harm and battery causing great bodily harm.

The guilty verdict was returned after two days of jury deliberation at the end of a three week trial, according to Deputy City Attorney Katie Buckland, who handled the case.

Silar, who informed Wapner through his attorney that he intends to appeal the conviction, was also placed on three years summary probation, Buckland said.

Hahn said that the incident that led to Silar's conviction occurred on the evening of October 1 as demonstrators were marching through Hollywood to protest the September 30 veto by Governor Pete Wilson of AB 101 which would have specifically prohibited employment and housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

As the march proceeded east on Sunset Boulevard past Laurel Boulevard, Silar, a driver for Burbank-based Celebrity Taxi at the time, arrived at the intersection with two paying passengers he said he was transporting to a nearby nightspot.

Witnesses testified that Silar shouted obscenities at the marchers and, honking his horn, drove his taxi into the crowd, striking one of the marchers, a 29-year old West Hollywood resident, on the leg before he stopped his vehicle, got out and attacked the man with a flashlight, according to Buckland. Silar, who was listed in his arrest report as 6 feet tall and 225 pounds, then attacked a second marcher, a 34-year old West Hollywood man, with the flashlight when he came to the first victim's assistance, Buckland added. Hahn said that both victims were struck several times on the body and head and were subsequently taken by city Fire Department paramedics to Midway Hospital for medical treatment.

The first man attacked by Silar suffered cuts and bruises on his face and arms, including a gash on his jaw that required 10 stitches, while the second victim was treated for bruises on his arms, a four-inch wound in the back of his head that required 26 stitches to close and a laceration near his right eye that required 10-15 stitches, Buckland said.

Silar was arrested at the scene by LAPD officers, booked and freed on his own recognizance. Following an investigation by LAPD Hollywood Division officers, Hahn filed criminal charges against Silar on December 2.▼

Largest Mobilization Against AIDS Planned For Washington D.C.

An historic event will occur in Washington, D.C. October 9-11 with the display of the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt - comprised of more than 20,000 panels. The display will take place in junction with the largest gathering of AIDS-related service organizations and volunteers, providing a unique form for HIV/AIDS education and prevention, raising public awareness and revitalizing volunteerism. The weekend activities are expected to attract 300,000 visitors, many from around the world.

"With special events, ceremonies an conferences scheduled throughout the weekend, attention will be focused as never before on the need for an immediate, continuing and compassionate response to AIDS," says Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project Foundation, which is organizing the Quilt display. "The Quilt in our nations capital will stand as a powerful reminder that the AIDS pandemic continues unabated and will only be stopped when people commit to a unified effort to bring it to an end."

"The display is several weeks before critical U.S. elections, when the spotlight is on the President and members of Congress," says Jones. "This mobilization and the display of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C. will ensure that AIDS is remembered as part and parcel of American and international agendas."

When first displayed in Washington, D.C. in October 1987, the Quilt consisted of 1,920 panels. Today it covers nearly 10 football fields- approximately 29 acres of powerful messages created by families and friends commemorating men, women and children who have died of AIDS. This October, memorial panels from 17 NAMES Project initiatives around the world will also be assembled - among them will be panels from Brazil, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

The display of the Quilt will begin Friday, October 9 at at 10 a.m. with the traditional unfolding ceremony and reading of the names. On the evening of October 9 the second annual Friends of the Quilt Dinner will be hosed at the National Building Museum.

The Quilt will be displayed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Saturday, October 10, will feature the NAMES Project Candlelight Memorial March, sponsored by the Whitman Walker Clinic, beginning at the ellipse at 6:30 p.m. and ending at the Lincoln Memorial.

The display will close with a special ceremony on Sunday, October 11, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Quilt was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 and *Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt,* a feature-length documentary film about the Quilt won an Academy Award in 1990. The NAMES Project Foundation has raised more than $1 million for hundreds of AIDS service organizations throughout North America, and more than two million people have visited Quilt since the NAMES Project was established in 1987.▼

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Getting Through the Dog Days of Summer

The "dog days of Summer" are upon us and no, it isn't your imagination, the fleas are worse this year and Rover is obviously a pretty unhappy pup. When the family dog is miserable, much of the pleasure of summer is dimmed so, following are some suggestions to help get you through the warm weather.

by Joan B. Guertin
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Matts and Tangles...

First of all, under Rover's beautiful coat may lie a full year of matts and tangles unless a good weekly brushing is a part of your regular routine. In addition, matts and tangles make a great breeding ground for nests of fleas and will also serve to hide deadly foxtails that have burrowed into the coat. If brushing and bathing do not alleviate the problem then a visit to the groomer is warranted and it may mean that Rover gets a "summer clip." Not only will it make him smell better, he'll be more comfortable and cooler. Often a groomer will uncover sores and abrasions that need veterinary care that you might otherwise have overlooked.

Fleas...

Now that Rover is clean, you don't want to take him back to a flea infested environment, so while he's at the groomer, take the time to attack the flea problem at home. A regular monthly or bi-monthly exterminator service is the most economical wasy to keep the premise flea-free. However, there are some good products on the market for a total attack on the pests both indoors and out. Remember, you MUST de-flea the entire area. Be sure to clean out the are where Rover sleeps, vaccumming well and then throwing away the vaccum bag so that the flea eggs don't hatch and reinfest the house. Rover's bedding must be washed and I make sure that gets done once a week at least, just like I take care of my own bedding.

For on-going maintenance, set aside some quality time each week to brush Rover and go over him to make sure that he's in good shape. A fine toothed flea comb will pick off and pests that you gather on your daily walk, and dropping them into a bowl of alcohol will insure death!

The River and Ticks...

If a trip to the river is high on Rover's list of pleasures, be sure to run your fingertips over the coat and feel for ticks after each outing. Fleas, ticks and foxtails will also find their way into such hidden places as the pads of the feet, up the nose, and into the ears. Examination now can head of the need for a vet visit later. Since foxtails can be airborne, watch your dog carefully even arond home, for this obnoxious weed with the barbed end. Uncontrolled sneezing can be a good sign that the dog may have one up his nose. If it isn't a foxtail, the next possibility is that Rover has an allergy, your veterinarian will have the answer for that.

Fresh Water...

Always leave plenty of cool, fresh water accessible to Rover. If you have one of Licks-It faucet attachments for your dog to drink from, make sure that it is in a shaded spot as the metal will heat and prevent the dog from drinking. And be aware that Rover may dig some in the summer to find a cool spot in which to lay down. Most likely he'll choose a spot close to the house or under the trees and bushes.

Heat...

A dog tht does not do well in the heat should be kept in the house. This often presents problems for the working person. However, there are a number of alternatives to allowing Rover house priveleges with restricted freedom. Check places such as Dog Show Specialties and Premium Pet Mart for portable fencing called X-Pens that are adaptable for indoor or outdoor use. In addition a dog crate in a cool place may be preferable to leaving Rover outside. He can then be exercised in the cool of the evening or early morning and be allowed to sleep during the day. This works for the mature dog that is capable of going longer periods before relieving themselves. It is not a viable solution for young puppies.

I have found that often a neighbor who isn't working will come over and let my dogs out to relieve themselves several times during the day if I need to leave them in the house and they were too young to be left alone.

Cars and Heat...

Despite numerous warnings from many sources, I still see dogs left in cars in the heat. Heat is still one of the number 1 killers of dogs that are thoughtlessly left in cars. Even with the windows cracked, the temperature will climb to 20 degrees higher than outside. Leave your dog at home during the heat!

Our dogs deserve consideration just like any other member of the family. If you are new to dog ownership and don't know what may be good for your dog, call someone who knows. Your veterinarian or a dog trainer, are both excellent sources for advice. Or, just use good old common sense, it usually works!

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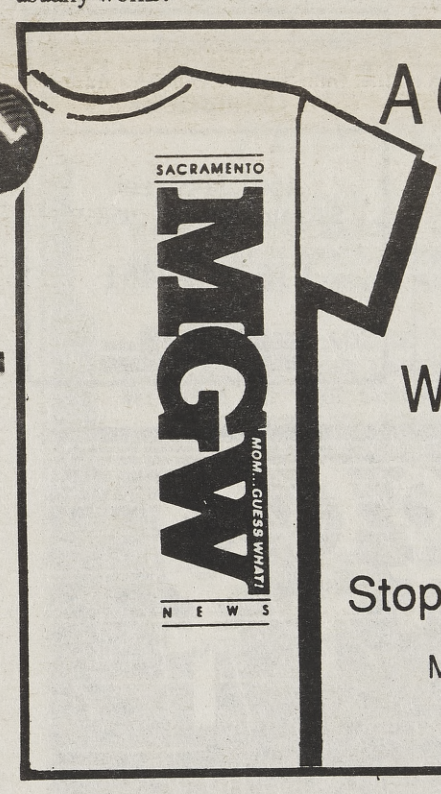

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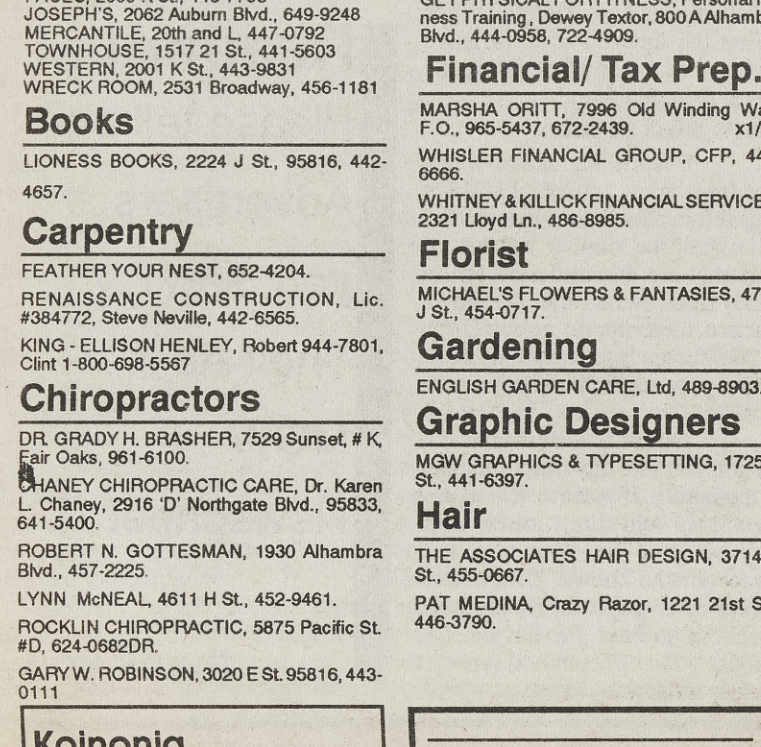

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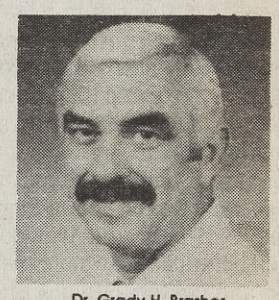
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▼ calendar

AUGUST

▼ 1 - Saturday

Mr. & Mrs. Northern CA Leather Contest, Tuesday Club, 2722 L St., 7pm, 983-2870.

Benefit Concert, I.M.A. Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, Bodega, 876-3004.

Glass, China, Pottery Show, and sale. Int'l Depression Glass Club, $3 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 6152 H St. 274-0911.

PAWS Auction - Benefit auction of African, wildlife art to benefit Performing Animal Welfare Society. 6 - 10 p.m., Miss Kitty's Attic, 918 12th St $5, 393-3340

Making Strides Against Caner, "move-along-a-thon, Gold River Community Park, Coloma & Gold Country Blvd. 8 a.m. registration.

Sweet Adelines Musical revue of Women's Barbershop Music, 8 pm CCT, 14th & L sts. 264-5181

Festa Italiana Cultural festival with food and entertainment. Sierra II Park, 24th St & 4th Ave. 424-8259

Sacramento Riverfest Live entertainment, music, games, food. Sacramento History Museum 101 I st. 264-7057

▼ 2 - Sunday

League Softball, 21st & C St., 12pm.

New Jewish Agenda Annual Potluck Picnic, Van Vleck Recreational Park, 11am.

Glass, China, Pottery Show, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See 8/2.

▼ 3 - Monday

S.A.G.A. Skate Party, 8:30pm, King's Skate Country, 50 & Bradshaw, 455-0986.

▼ 4 - Tuesday

Heart to Heart HIV + support group, 6:30 - 8 pm SAF training space, 920 20th St 448-2437

▼ 5 - Wednesday

Lambda Players Auditions. Rolls available for 3 women and 2 men aged 25 - 50. 7 p.m., Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St.

Auction Of Portraits, benefit for Wellspring Women's Center. Cocktail reception 5:30, $25 1700 L St.

▼ 6 - Thursday

GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro #B, S.F., 7pm, 415-861-4588.

Lambda Players Auditions, See 8/5

Artists Reception Nancy and Alain Gerbault: Coup De Grace 5:30 - 8 p.m. Crocker Museum, Library Gallery, 216 O st. 264-5423

▼ 7 - Friday

4th Ann. CA Lottery Bicycle Classic, Old SAC, 4pm, 482-4755.

Summer SAMMIES Concert, The Henry Robinette Group, Free, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

CA Lottery Bicycle Classic Men's and women's races and bike expo. Old Sac. 443-8653

▼ 8 - Saturday

Midtown Business Assoc. Street Fair, Marshall Park, 28th & J Sts., 10am, 558-3751.

46th Annual Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar, SAC Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., 12pm, 446-0121.

Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt Channel 9, 9:30 p.m.

Artist Reception All Creatures Great and Small, Benefits Yolo SPCA, 7 - 9 pm. John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St. Davis 756-3938

Mondo Garage Sale Sacramento Men's Chorus, 7 am - 1 pm 2122 J st. (in the parking lot

Sacramento Birthday Party Sutter's Fort, 27th and L sts 323-7626

Artist Receptions Snowcones in August, Alan Short Students showing. 7 - 9 pm Archival Framing,, 1729 L St. 444-9624

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"Live Sound Reinforcement Workshop", I.M.A. Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, Bodega, 876-3004.

Chanticleer Concert, Singing works of Cristobal De Morales. $18 - $14 seniors & students. 8 p.m. St. Francis Church, 1112 26th St 920-1121 for tickets.

The Point Summer Concert Free concert sponsored by The Point 5 pm, Elk Grove Park 366-2566

▼ 11 - Tuesday

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, W.W.T.M.C., Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, 616-757-4766.

"Hands On Recording Class", I.M.A. Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, Bodega, 876-3004.

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▼ 12 - Wednesday

Healthwatch: AIDS from Amsterdam, Cancer Center Aud., 4501 X St., 7pm, 448-2437.

Men of Colors Together - Sacramento, meeting, August 12, 7.p.m. Lambda Center, 1901 L,

441-7736 or 487-3767.

▼ 13 - Thursday

US Canoe & Kayak National Championship, Aquatic Ctr, Hazel Ave near US 50 985-7239

▼ 14 - Friday

Summer SAMMIES Concert, The Henry Robinette Group, Free, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

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Pete Dexter Ungolf Tourn. 7:30 am shotgun start, 1:30 pm BBQ and awards $100 Benefit Friends of Orthopedic Research, Haggin Oaks Golf Course 321-1800.

▼ 15 - Saturday

SSPCA Crafts Fair Show & Sale, SSPCA, 6201 Florin-Perkins Rd., 10am, 383-PETS.

Comic/Singer Monica Grant, SACWN, Unitarian Meeting Hall, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 486-8985.

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Taste of Sacramento Food, celebrity chef demonstrations, entertainment and auction. free Hyatt Plaza, K St. betw. 12 &13 11 am - 8 pm

▼ 16 - Sunday

League Softball, 21st & C St., 12pm.

Barbeque & Auction, Women's Cultural Productions of Chico, 916-872-0503.

Taste of Sacramento Food, celebrity chef demonstrations, entertainment and auction. free Hyatt Plaza, K St. betw. 12 &13 11 am - 6 pm

World Sprint Outrigger Championship

Aquatic Ctr Hazel near US 50 thru 8/22. 985-7239

▼ 17 - Monday

ACT UP Action, Republican National Convention, Houston, thru Aug 20, 202-328-AIDS.

S.A.G.A. IV Skate Party, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw, 8:30pm, $5, 635-1535.

▼ 18 - Tuesday

"Art & Psychosis", Salvador Roquet, Galeria Posada, 701 O Street, 7pm, 446-5133.

Estate Planned-giving, seminar with Stephen Westlake and Scott Turnbull focusing on giving in one's liftime, sponsored by SSPCA,

free, res. 383-PETS by 8/14.

PFLAG, "How We Understand each other: How we re;ate to each other" 7:30 pm Lower Auditorium of the Sanctuary, St Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way.

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▼ 19 - Wednesday

Business Alliance of Networking Gays, 7 pm Andiamo Restaurant, 3145 Folsom Blvd.

The Men's Session, A fun, sex-positive and informative workshop. SAF Training space, 920 20th St, 448-2437

▼ 21 - Thursday

The West and the Rest Art lecture by Dr. William H. Gerdts 7 pm Crocker Museum, 216 O St. 264-5423

▼ 21 - Friday

SLCC Night, "Surviving the Breakup of a Relationship", 7pm, 687-7282.

Summer SAMMIES Concert, Tattooed Love Dogs, Free, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

Bustamente Antique Show and sale. CCC, 14th & J sts, noon, 264-5181.

Lake Tahoe Stage Set for 20th Annual Concours d'Elegance

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▼ 22 - Saturday

"Hot Paris Nights", C.G.N.I.E., Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 7pm, 649-9248.

Homeless Animals Days, Candlelight vigil, wear black, 8 p.m. west steps of state capitol.

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▼ 28 - Friday

Summer SAMMIES Concert, Mumbo Gumbo, Free, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

▼ 29 - Saturday

Dianne Davids In Concert, Church of Religious Science, 14 Hillary Lane, Chico, 872-0503.

Youth Picnic, food drink and music provided by Lambda Community Center and RCDC, 3 - 9 p.m. McKinley Park

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▼GALLERIES▼

Archival Framing Gallery, 1729 L St., 444-9624. **Snowcones in August,** featuring works of Alan Short Center students. Aug 5 - Aug 28.

Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423. **Landmarks of Early California Painting,** thru Sep. 27; **Early 20th Century California Painting,** thru Oct.; **Humanism Revisited,** thru Aug. 2; **From Watkins to Weston: 101 Years of California Photography,** Aug. 16. **Nancy and Alan Gerbault: Coup De Grace,** Aug 7 - Sep 20.

Himovitz-Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln., 925-5917. **"Stepping into the Season,"** Sep. 8-Oct. 3.

Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211.

Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., 95814, 441-4818. **Introductions '92,** thru Aug 7;

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938. **All Creatures Great and Small** benefit for Yolo Co. SPCA Aug 8 - Sep 20.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th, 448-8723. **Julia Couzens, Judi Keen, Don Satterlee,** Sep. 9-Oct. 3.

Paragary's, 28th & N Sts. Raku and Clay works by James Sedlar and Valentino Fernandez. Thru Aug. 21

The Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, CA, 209-245-4455. **Pat Conway,** Jul. 1 - Aug. 26; **Claire Oak, Jadell Andrews, Pat Conway,** thru Aug. 24. **Carol Attoe, Suzan Goodban, Barbara Milman.**

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